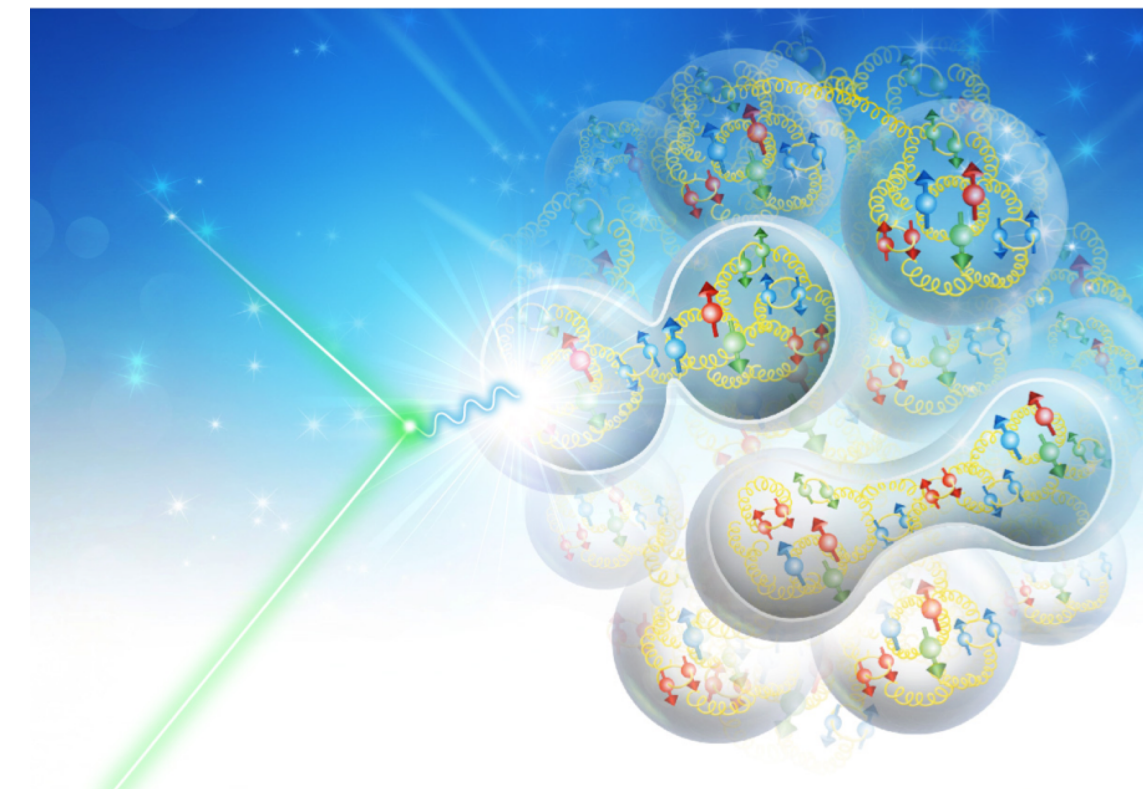


# Jet physics in nuclear matter with machine learning

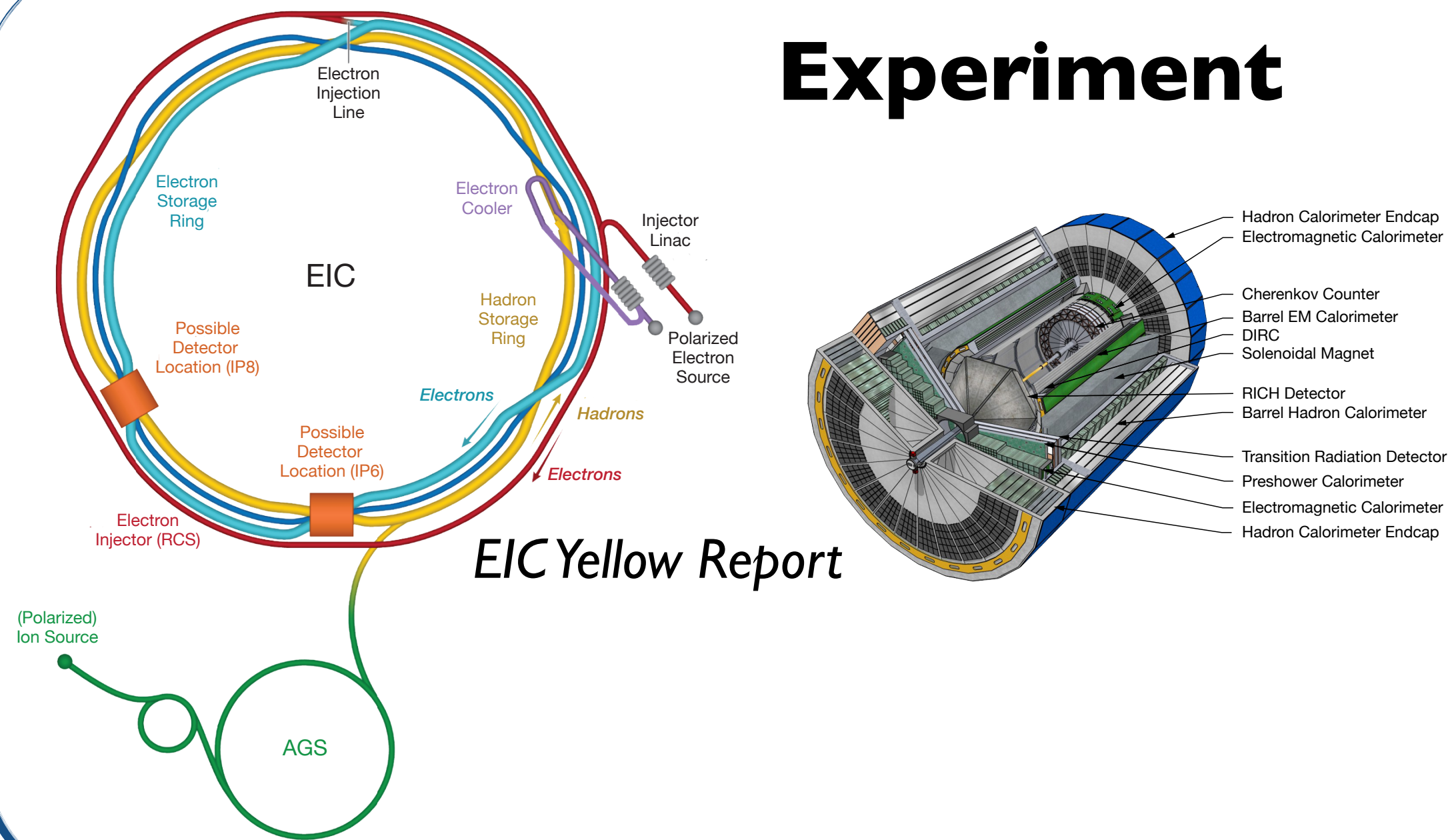
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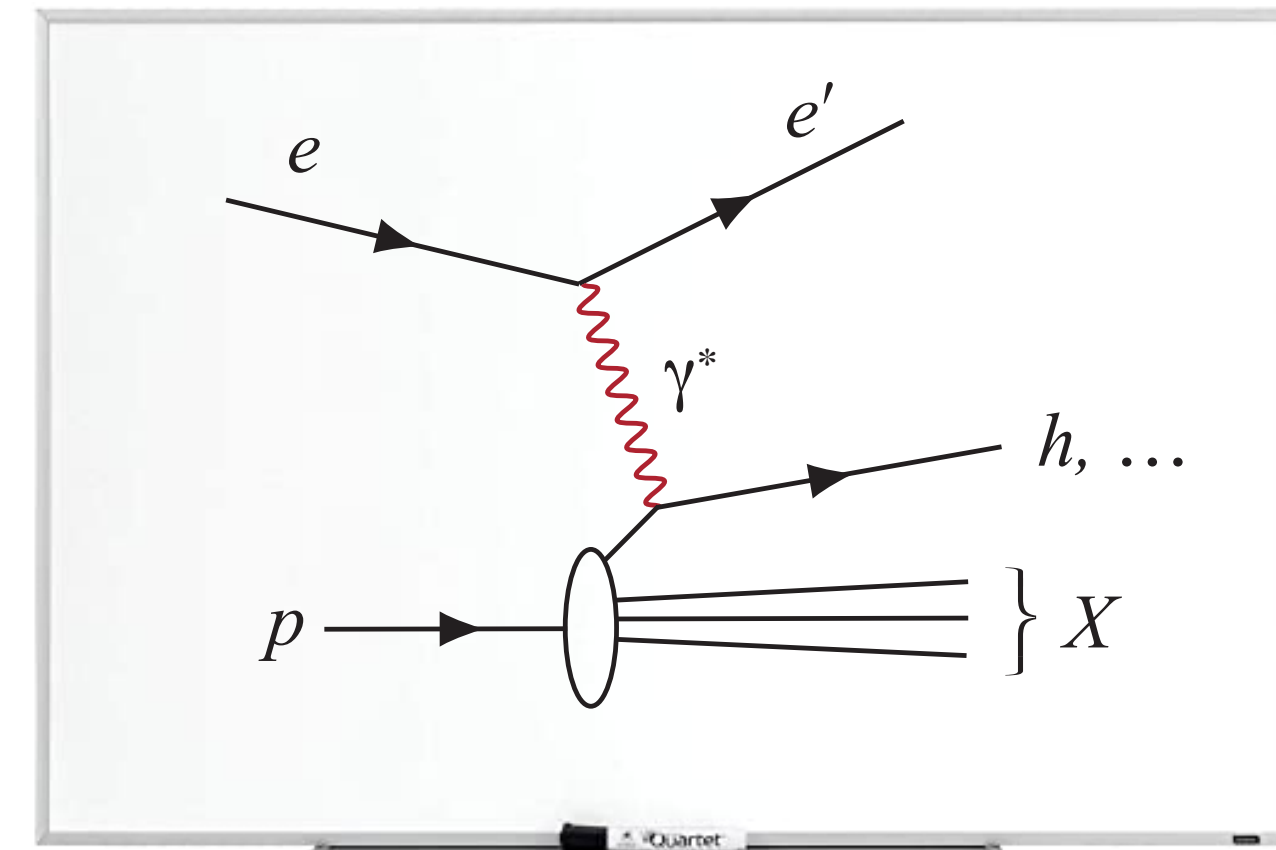


# Where can ML play a role?

## Experiment



## Theory



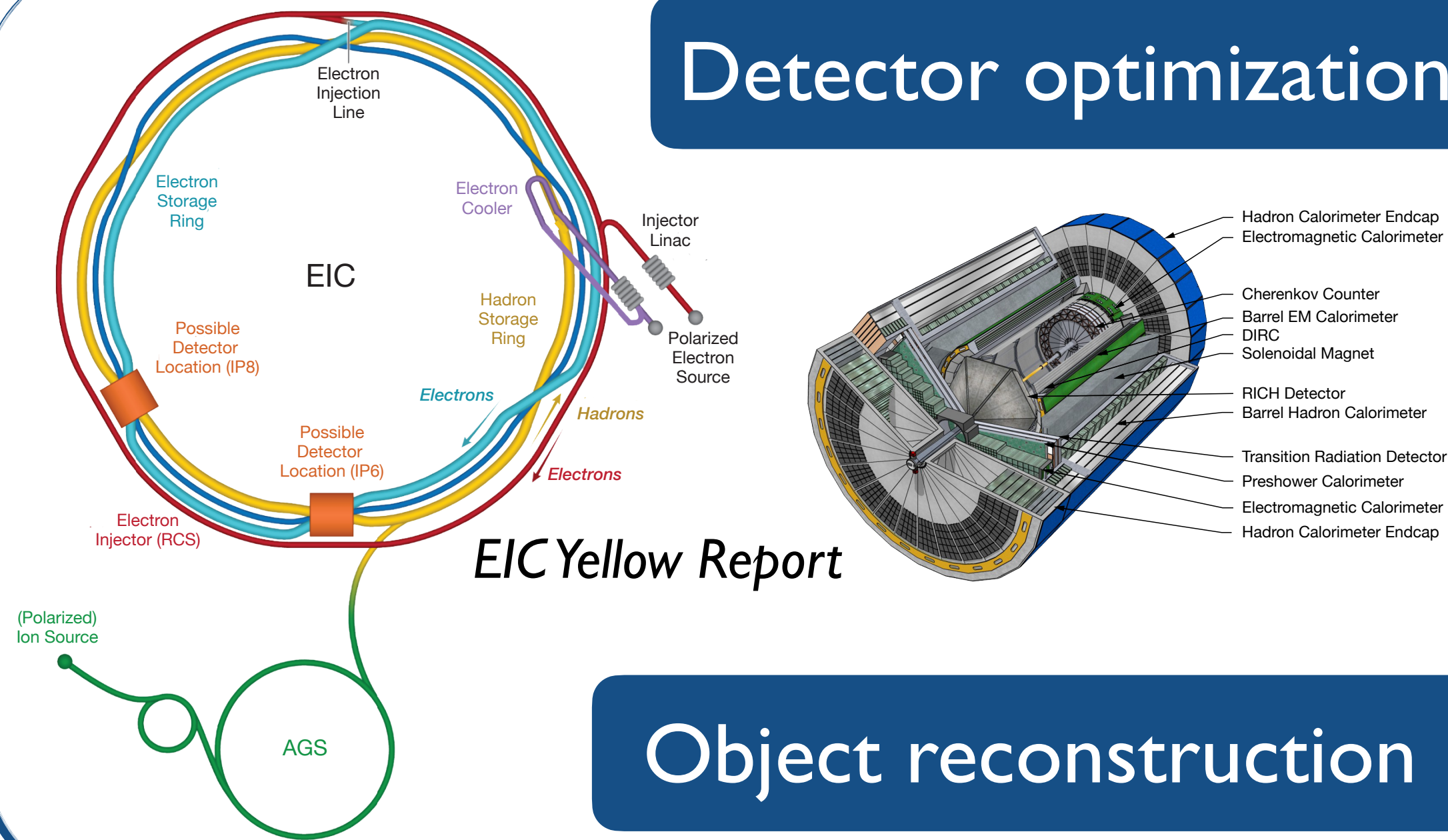
Data-Theory comparison

Understanding QCD

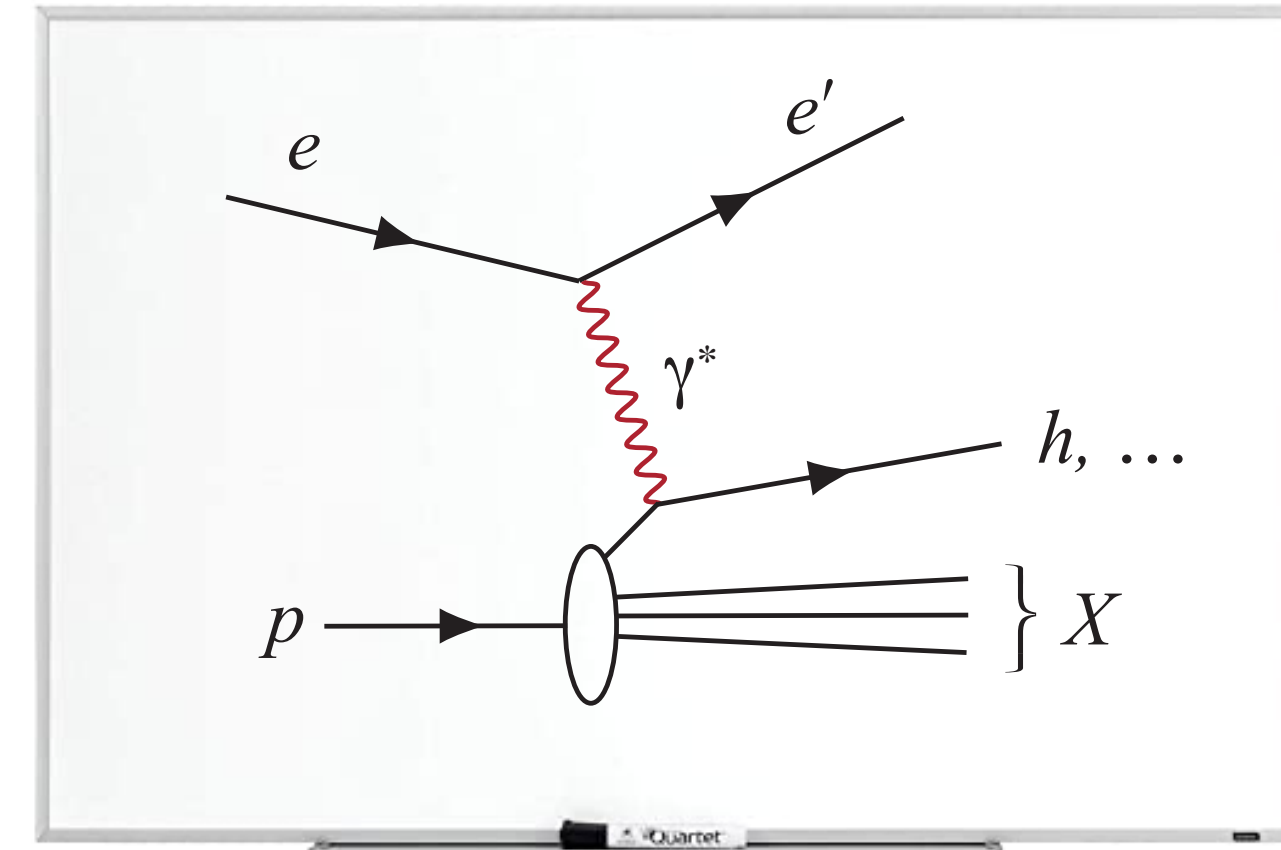


# Where can ML play a role? (a few examples)

## Detector optimization



## Observable design



## Object reconstruction

## Data-Theory comparison

## Unfolding

See B. Nachman talk

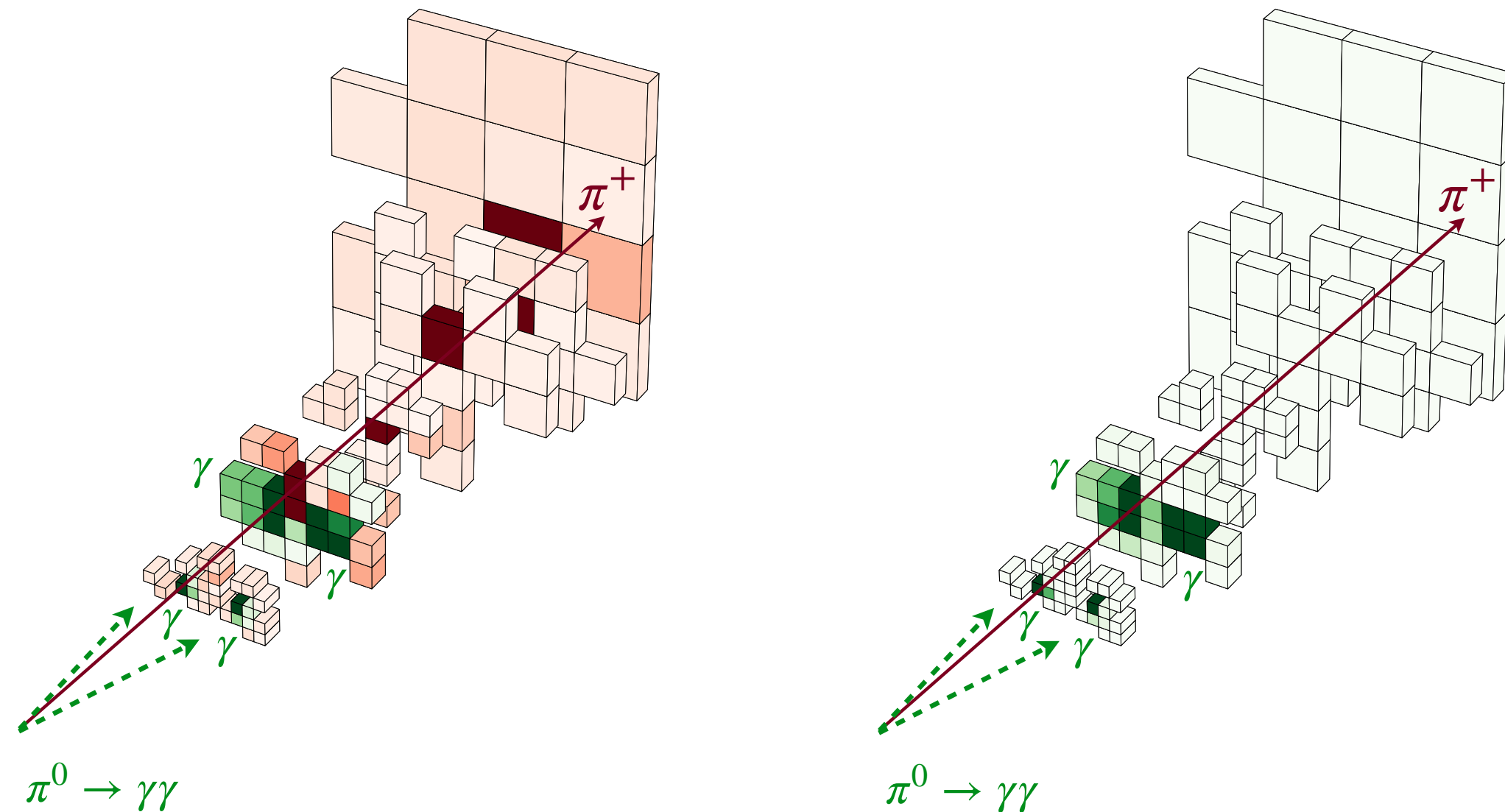
## Model fitting / parameter estimation

## Understanding QCD

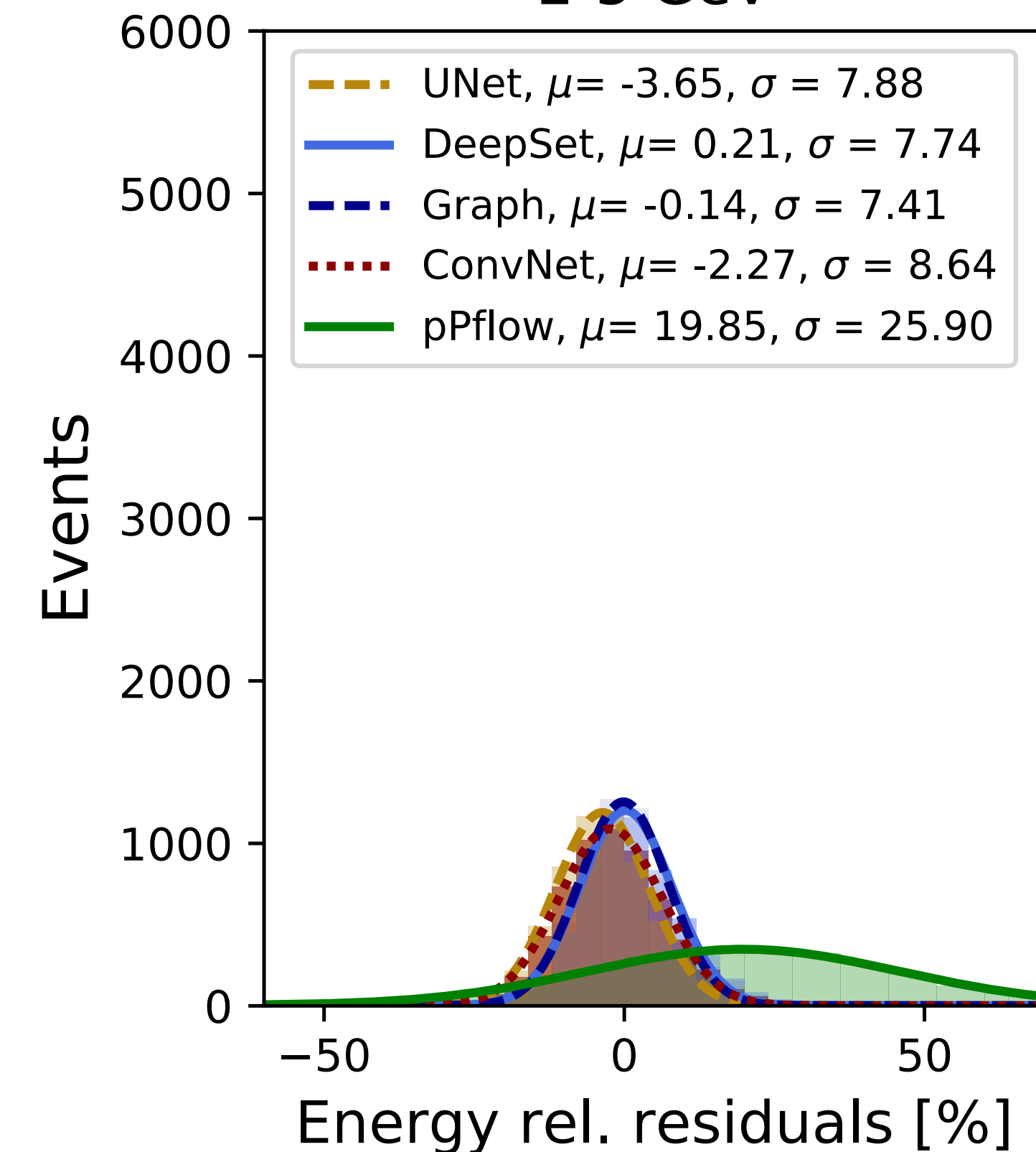
# Particle flow

## ML is promising to improve particle flow algorithms

- Identify/disentangle calorimeter showers



*Di Bello et al. EPJC 81 107 (2021)*  
2-5 GeV



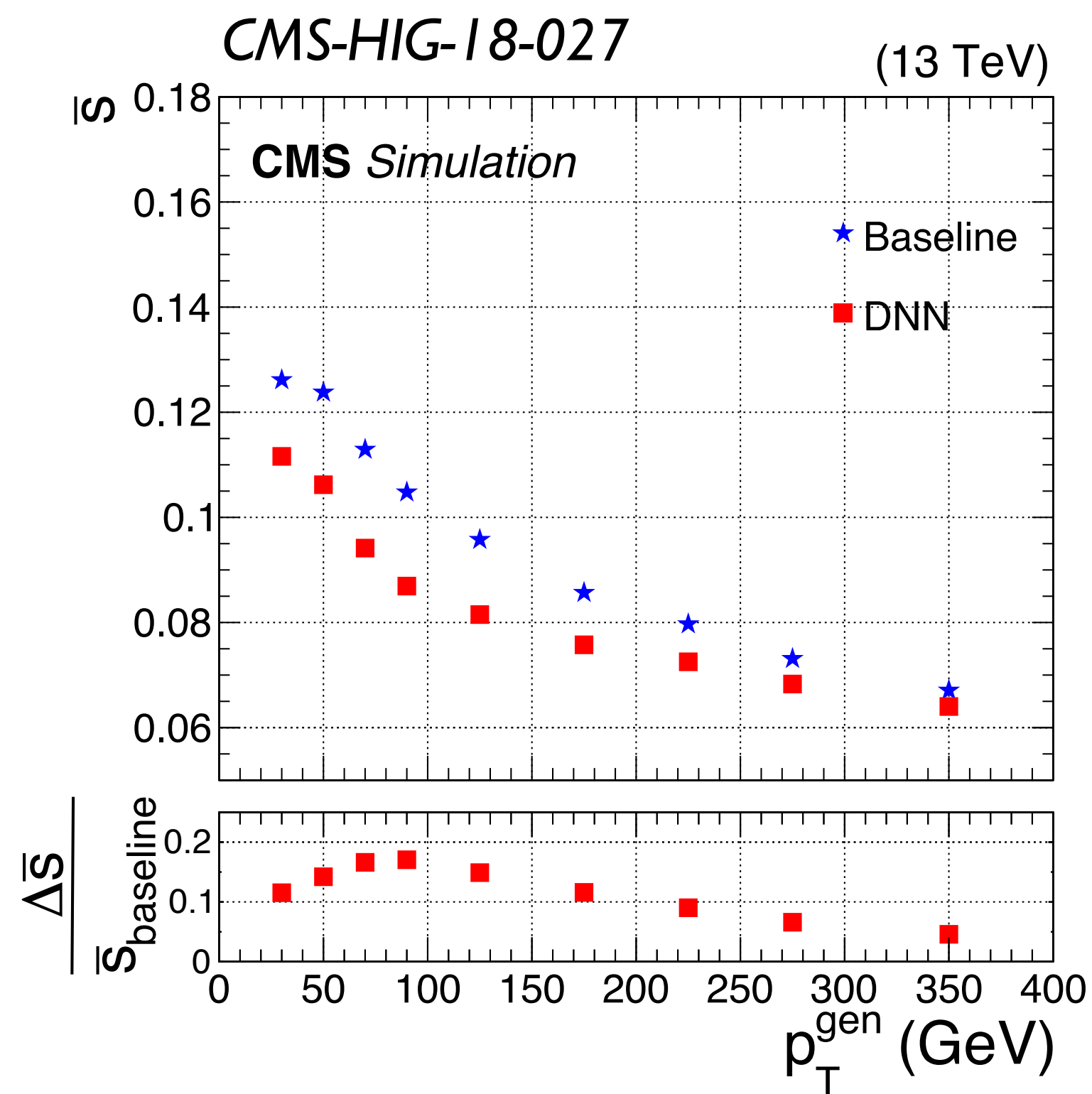
Relevant for EIC jets: neutral information at mid-rapidity, high granularity at forward rapidity



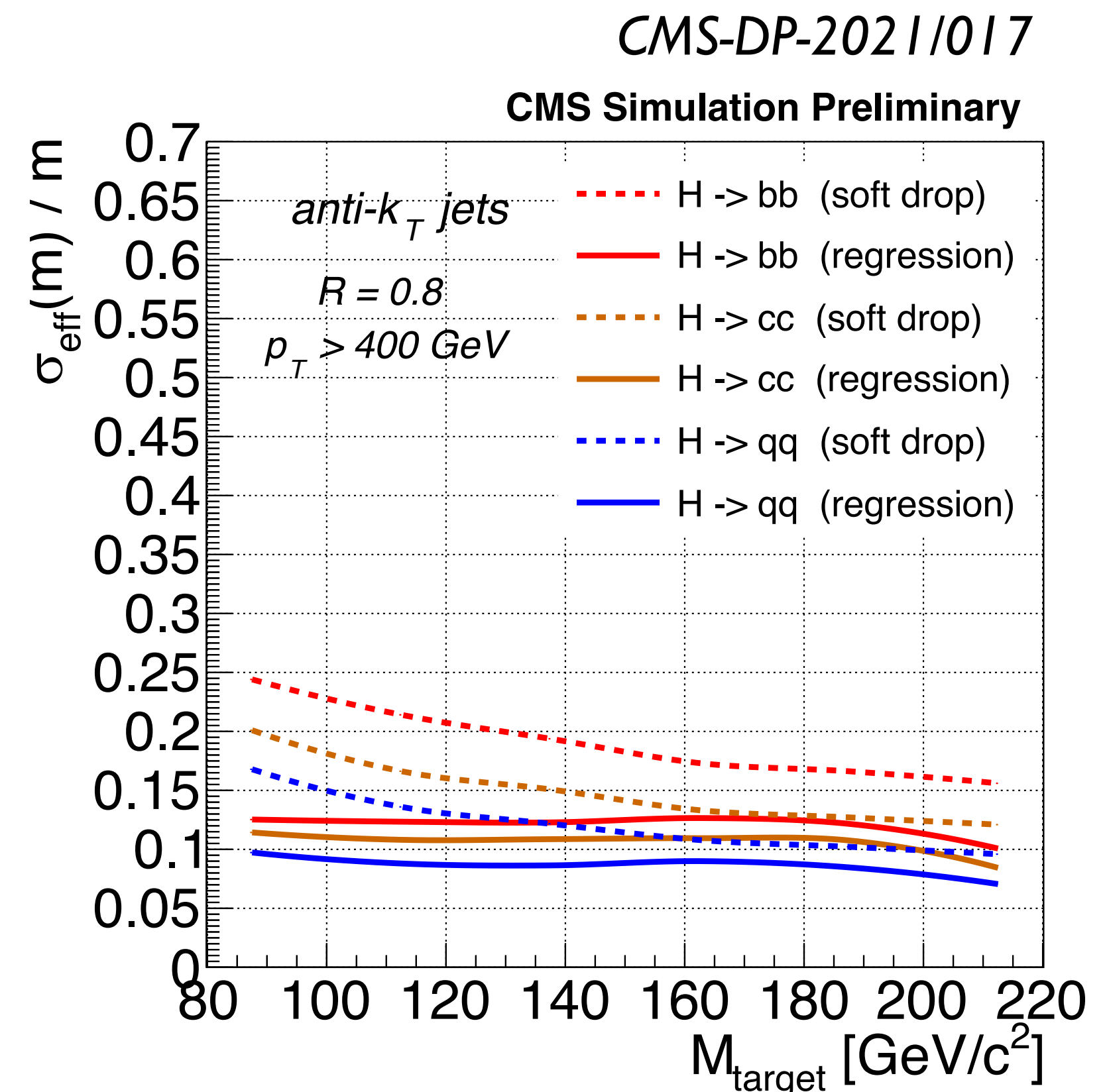
# Jet calibration

## Jet energy, mass resolution

ML-based regression improves resolution



*b*-jet energy resolution

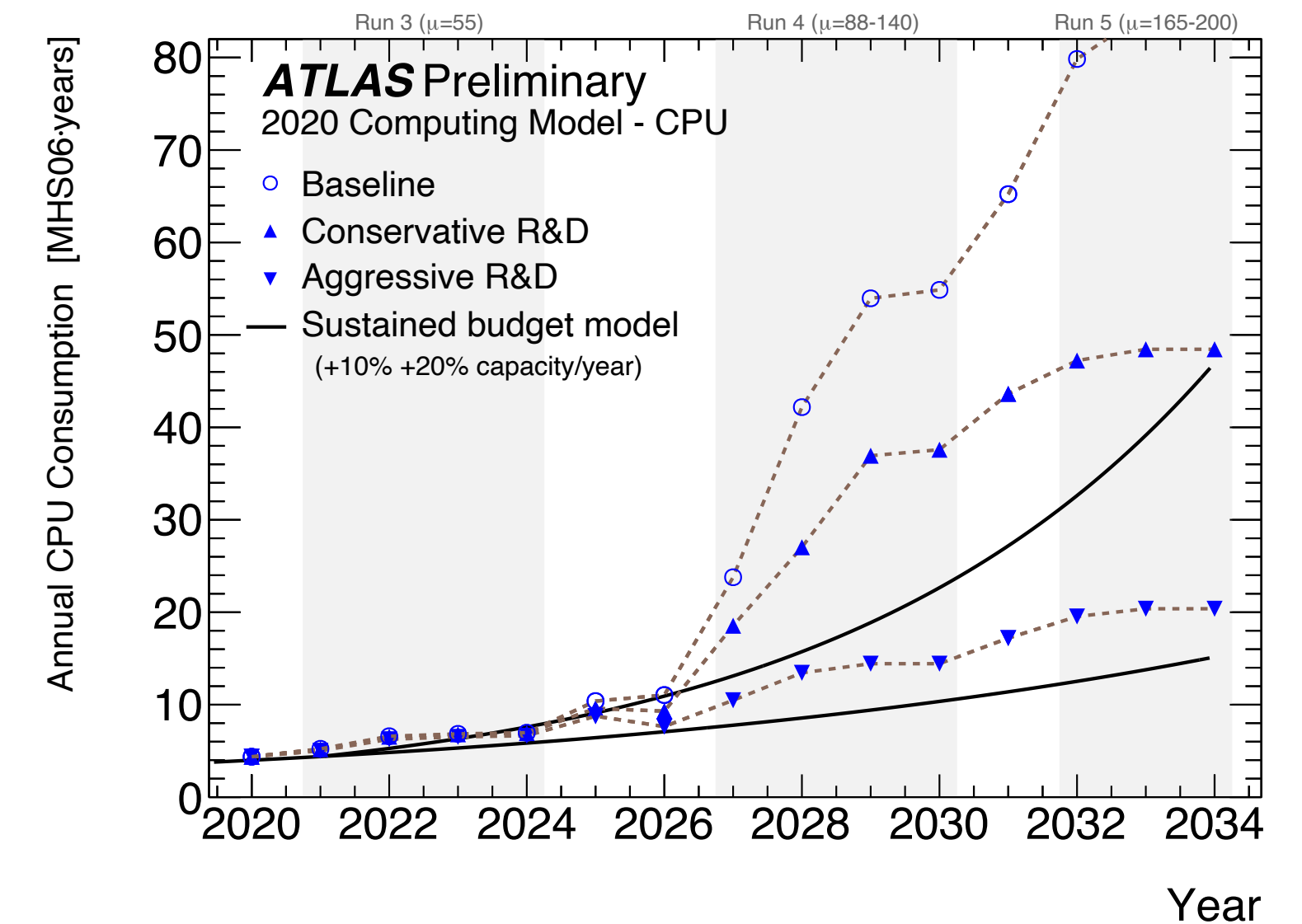
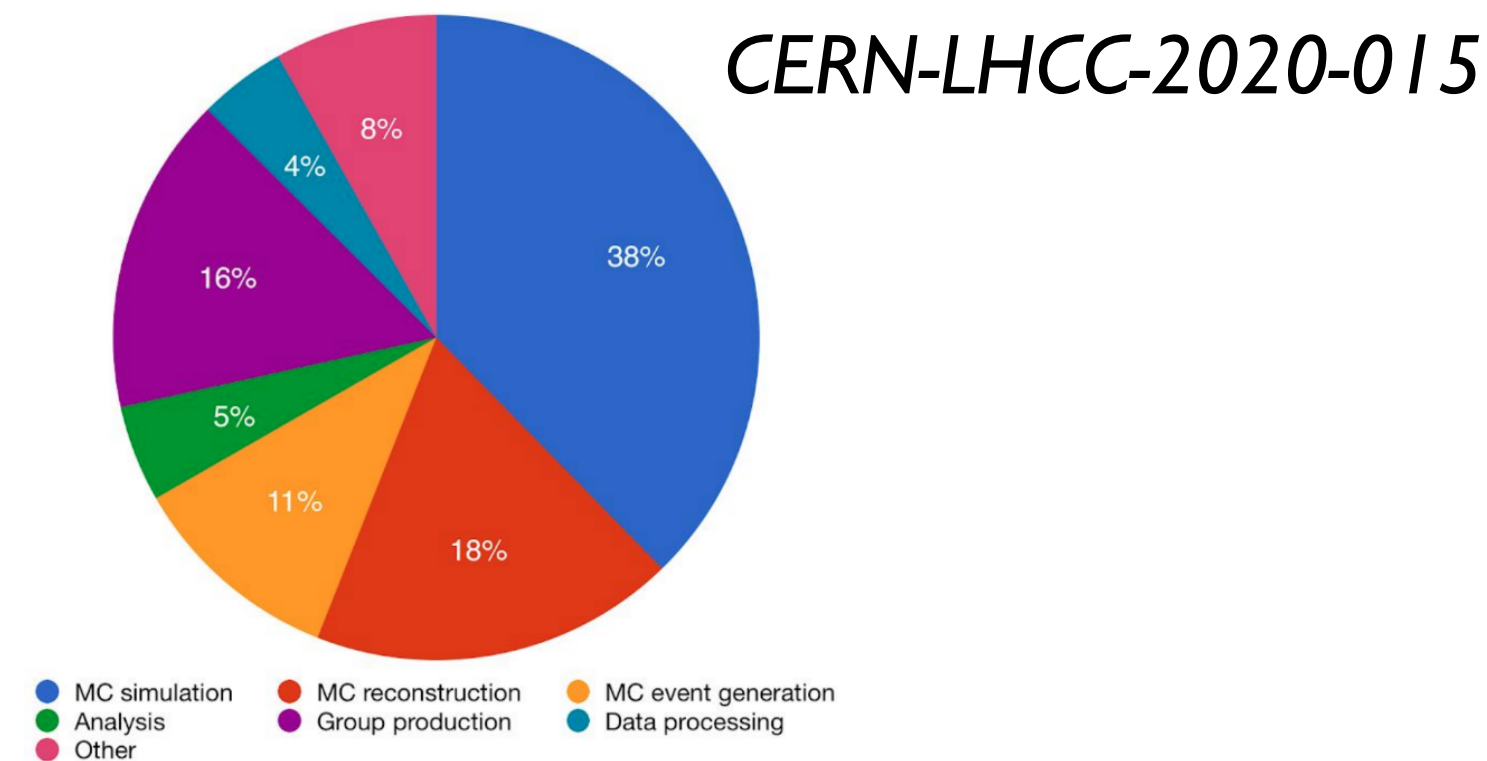


boosted jet mass resolution

# Fast Detector Simulation

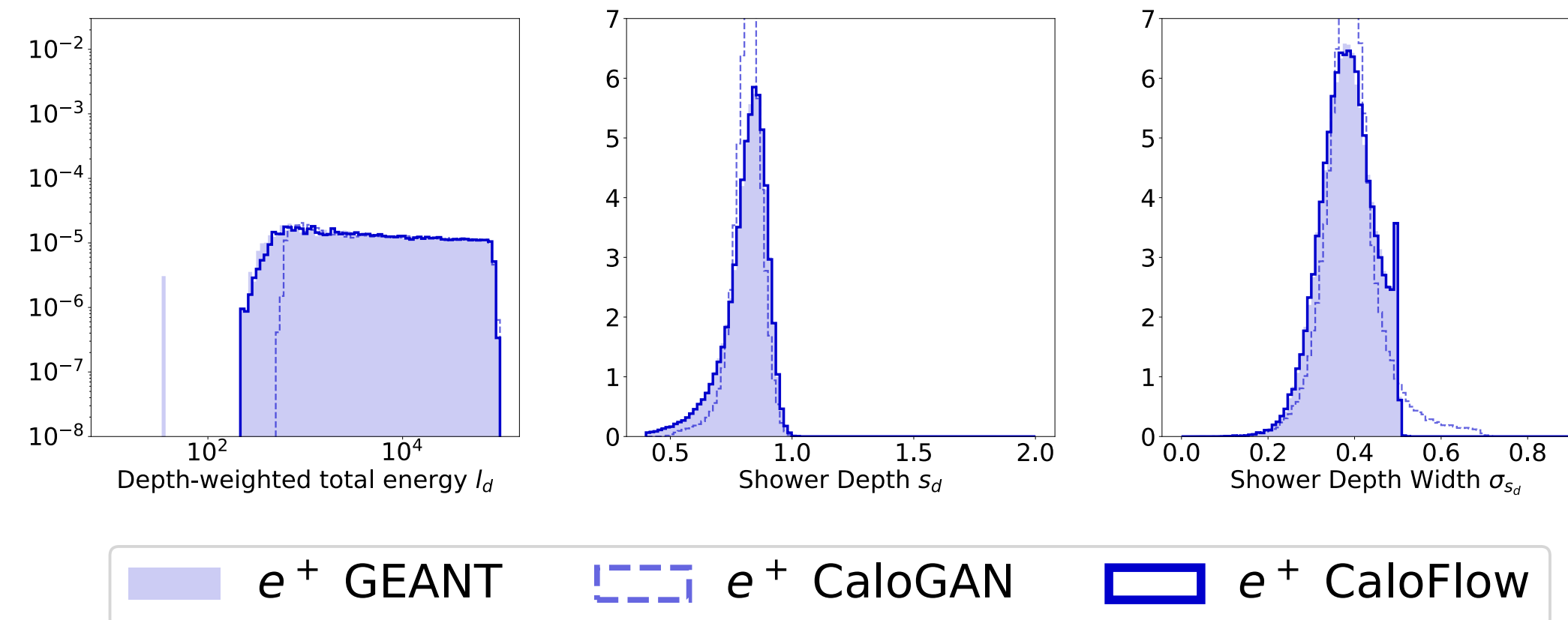
High luminosity requires massive computation effort

- Detector simulation is largest component



## ML-assisted fast simulation: significant speedup

CaloFlow  
Kraus, Shi 2106.05285  
CaloGAN  
Paganini, de Oliveira, Nachman  
PRD 97 (2018) 1, 014021  
AtlFast3  
ATLAS 2109.02551  
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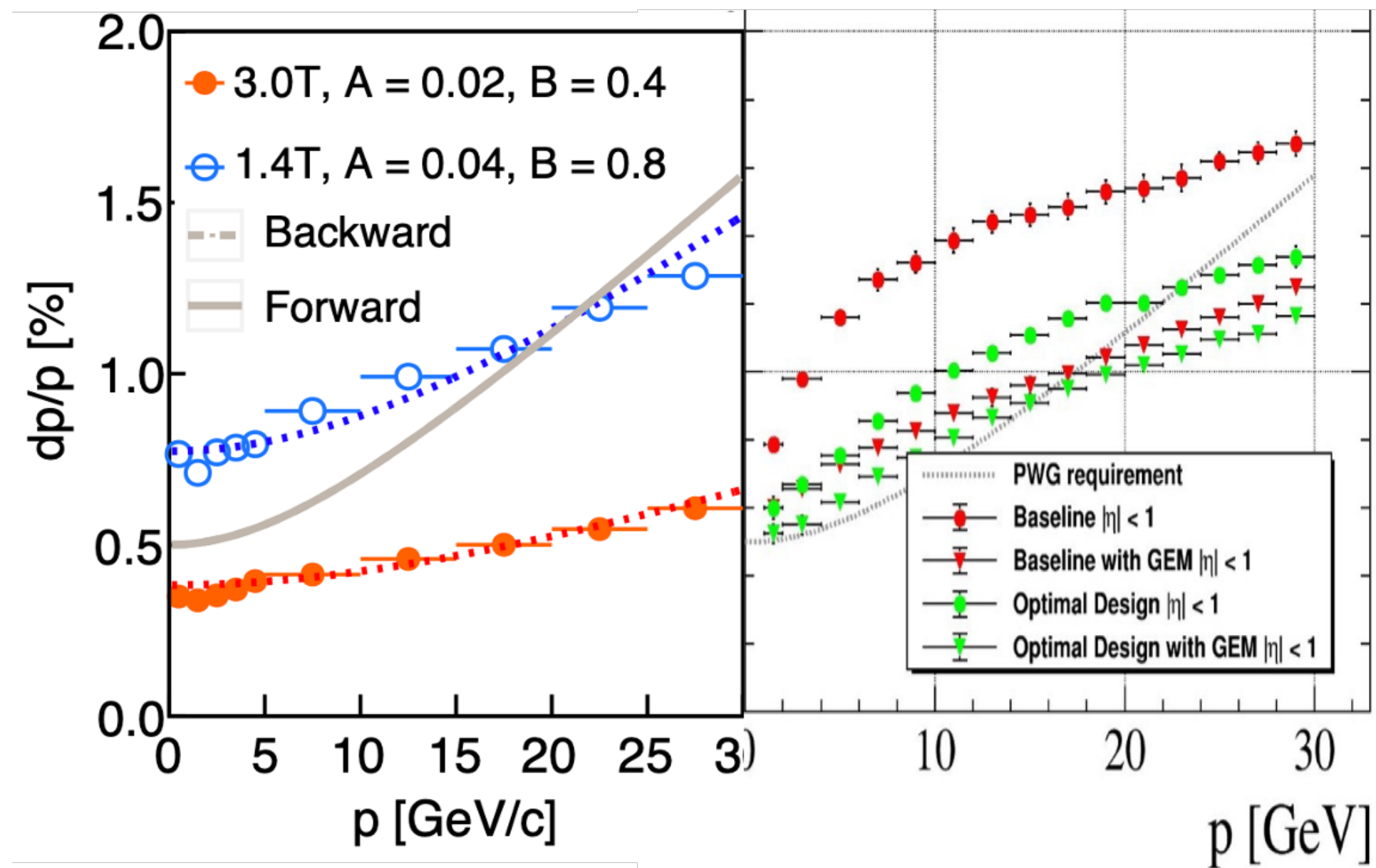


# Detector design

## ML-assisted detector design to improve reconstruction performance

### ECCE optimization of tracking system

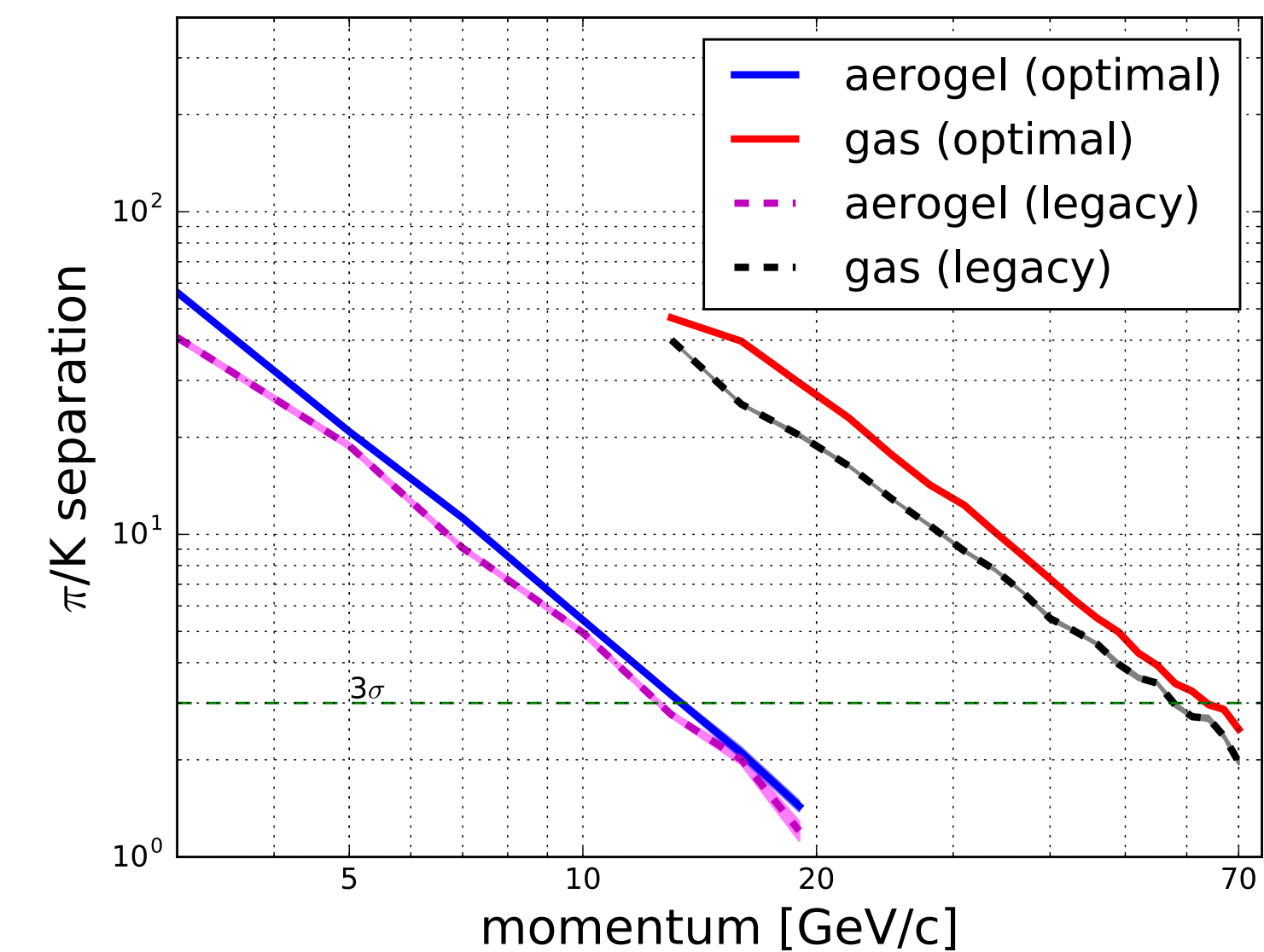
See J. Lajoie talk



### Bayesian optimization of dRICH

Cisbani et al. *JINST* 15 (2020) 05, P05009

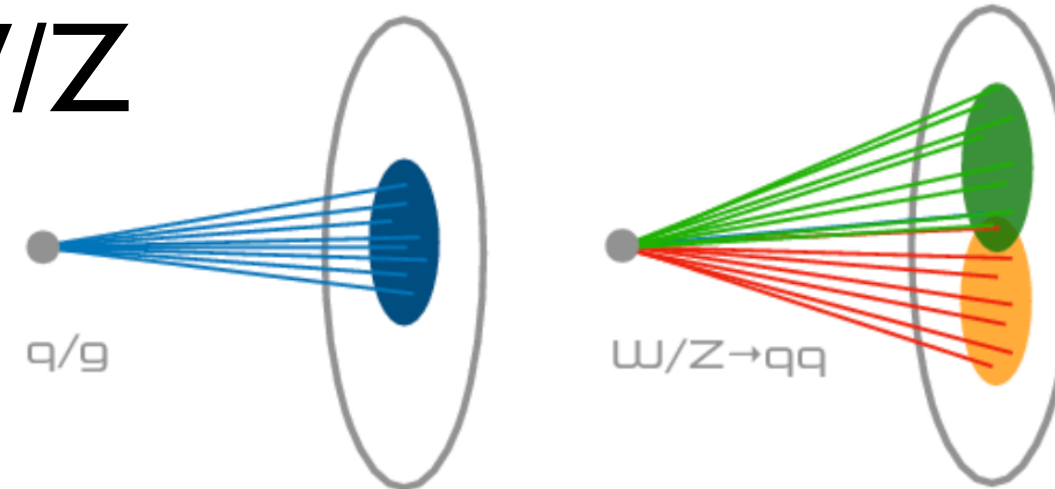
parameter	description
R	mirror radius
pos r	radial position of mirror center
pos l	longitudinal position of mirror center
tiles x	shift along x of tiles center
tiles y	shift along y of tiles center
tiles z	shift along z of tiles center
$n_{\text{aerogel}}$	aerogel refractive index
$t_{\text{aerogel}}$	aerogel thickness



First major detectors with opportunity to take advantage of ML at design stage

# Jet tagging

At LHC: quark/gluon, boosted top/h/W/Z



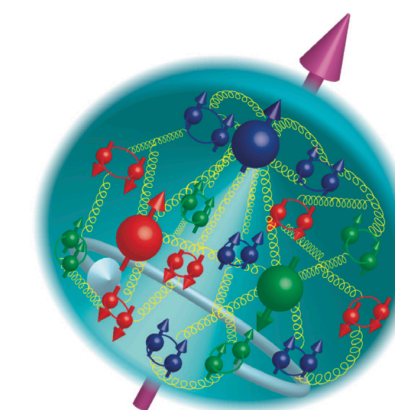
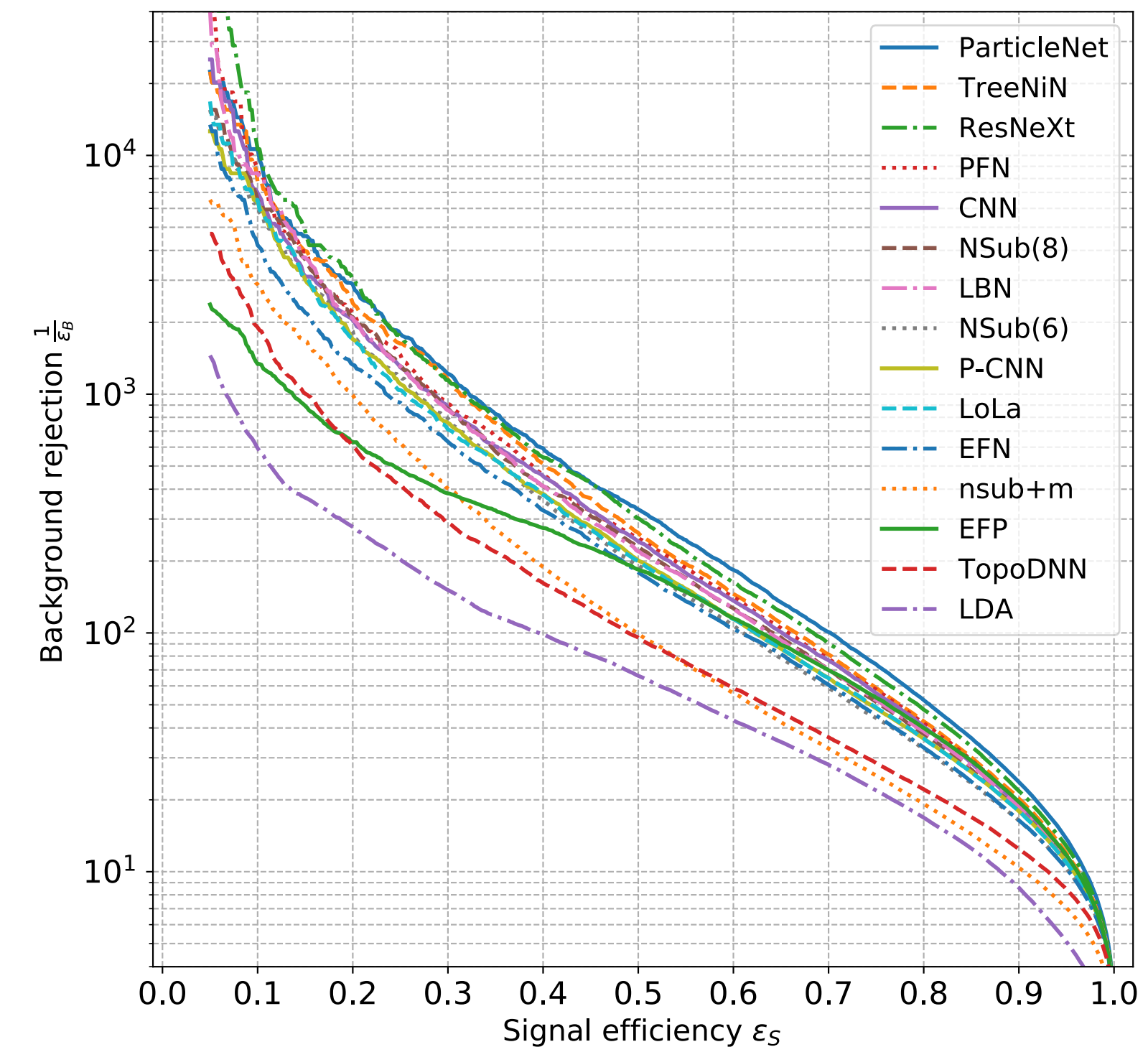
## ML models outperform physics observables

- Point clouds w/NNs
  - ParticleNet *Qu, Gouskos PRD 101 (2020) 5, 056019*
  - ABCNet *Mikuni, Canelli EPJP 135 (2020) 6, 463*
  - PFNs, EFNs *Komiske, Metodiev, Thaler JHEP 01 (2019) 121*
- Lund image w/GNN: LundNet *Dreyer, Qu JHEP 52 (2021)*

## Jet tagging at EIC

- Charm-jet tagging *Arratia, Furletova, Hobbs, Olness, Sekula 2006.12520*
- Tagged jet populations to be used for 3D structure?

*Kasieczka et al., SciPost Phys. 7 (2019) 014*

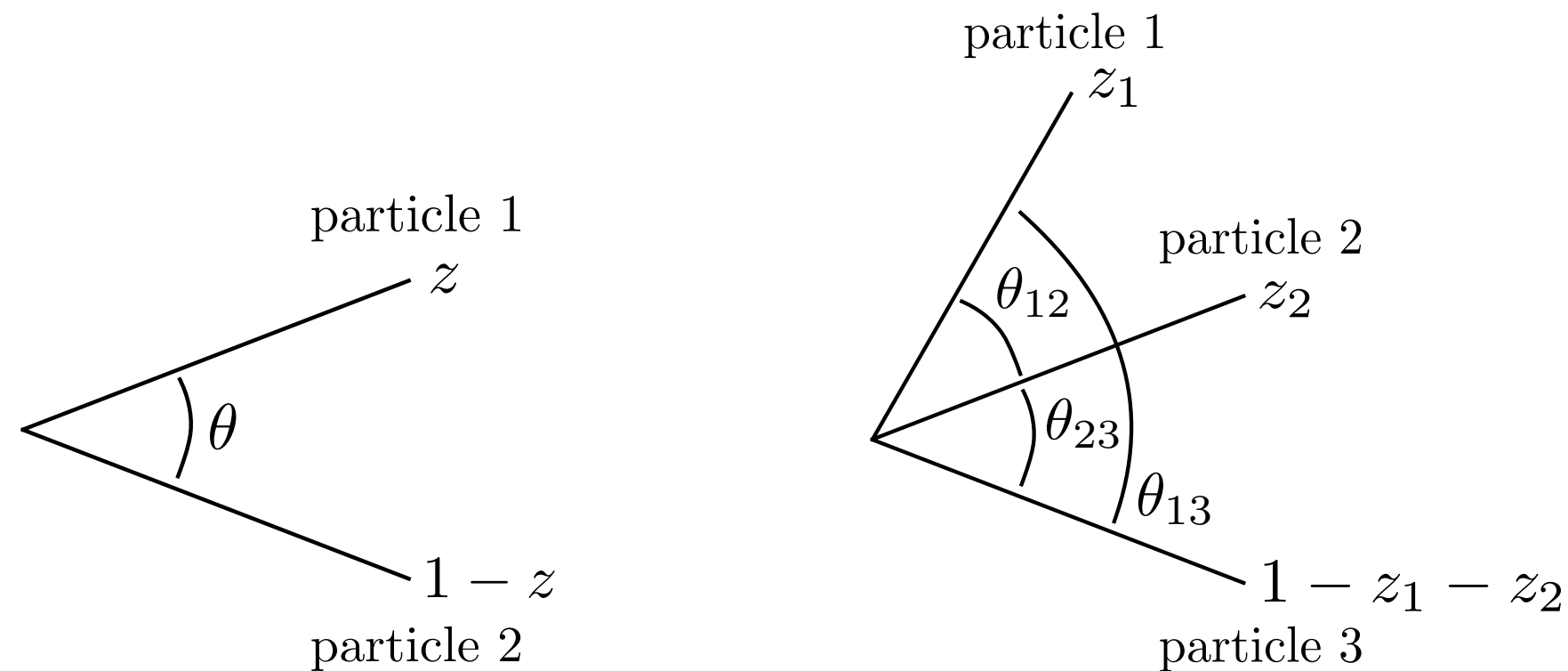




# Jet classification: Information content

*Datta, Larkoski JHEP 06 (2017) 073*

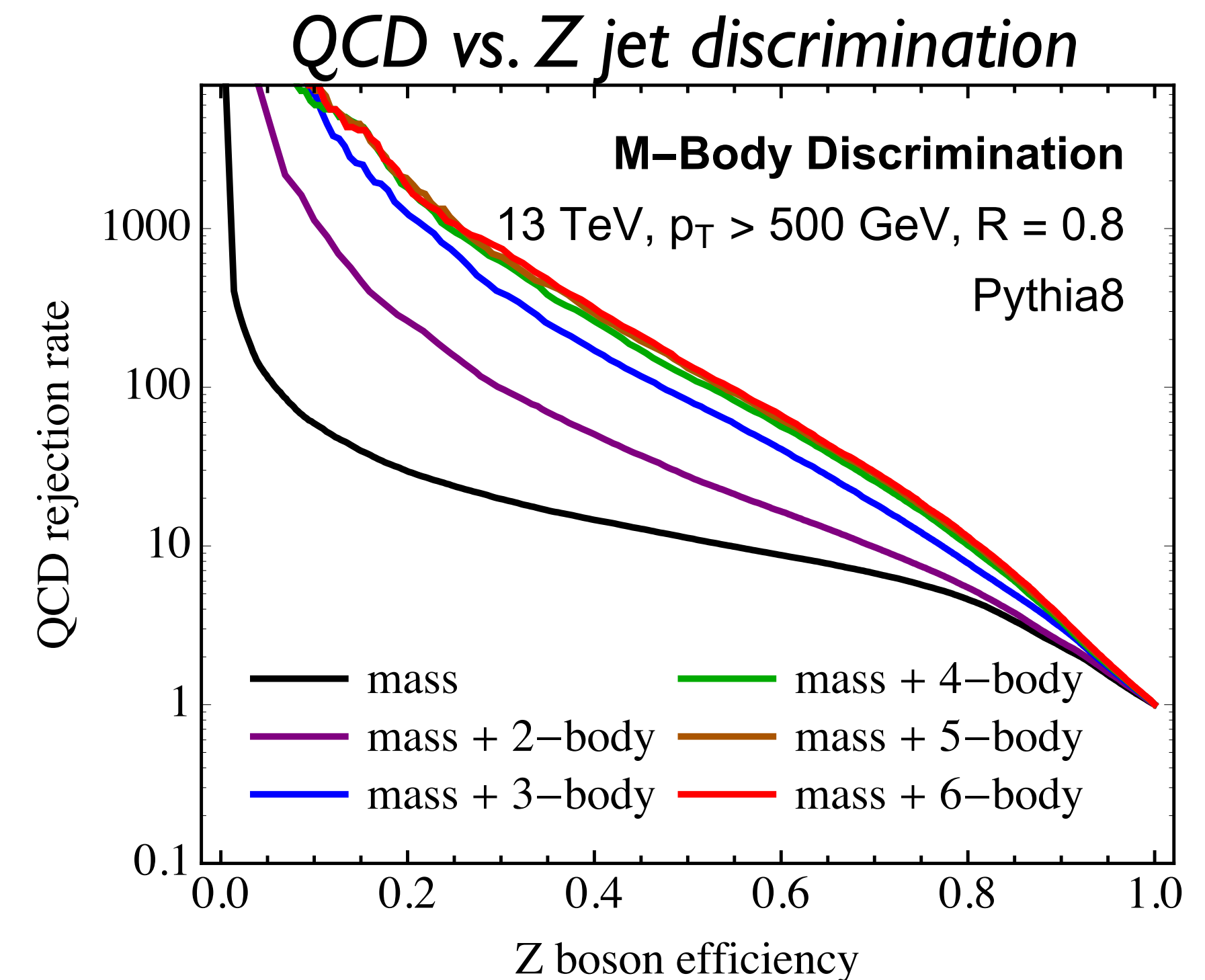
A jet with  $K$  particles can be fully specified by  $3K - 4$  observables



e.g.  $N$ -subjettiness basis:

$$\left\{ \tau_1^{(0.5)}, \tau_1^{(1)}, \tau_1^{(2)}, \tau_2^{(0.5)}, \tau_2^{(1)}, \tau_2^{(2)}, \dots, \tau_{M-2}^{(0.5)}, \tau_{M-2}^{(1)}, \tau_{M-2}^{(2)}, \tau_{M-1}^{(1)}, \tau_{M-1}^{(2)} \right\}$$

By constructing a complete set of IRC-safe observables, one can study at what point the information content saturates



# Jet classification: quenched jets

This concept can be extended to medium modification of jets

→ Binary classification problem

Determine the minimal set of observables to optimally discriminate pp vs. AA jets

- Quantify  $K$ -body discriminating power
- Find observables that capture the most discriminating aspects of jet modification

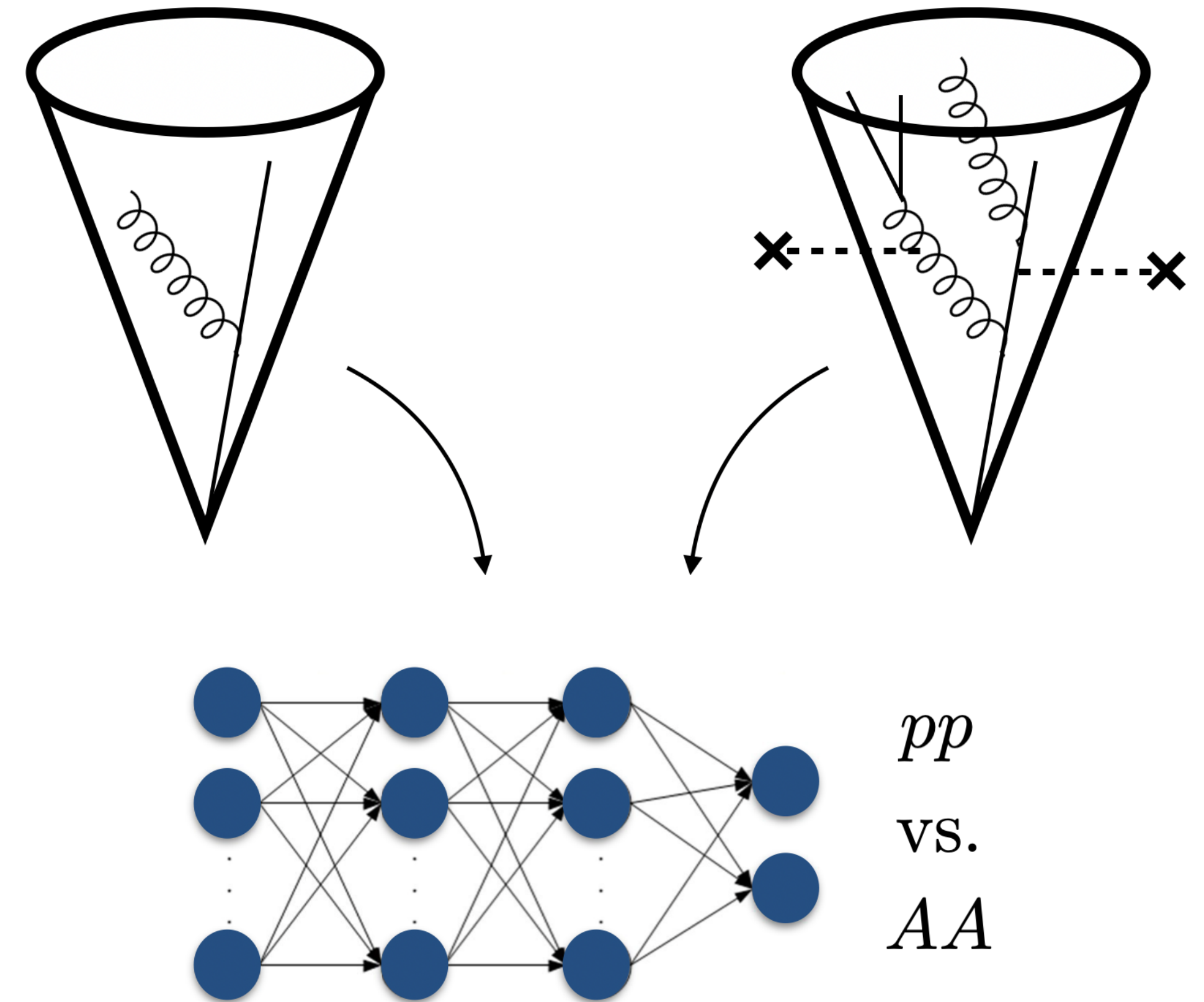
See also:

*Chien, Elayavalli 1803.03589*

*Lai 1810.00835*

*Du, Pablos, Tywoniuk JHEP 03 (2021) 206*

*Apolinário et al. 2106.08869*





# Two data representations

## ***N*-subjettiness basis with Dense Neural Network (DNN)**

Input layer: Complete set of jet substructure observables

*N*-subjettiness: *Thaler, Tilburg JHEP 03 (2011) 015*

$$\tau_N^{(\beta)} = \frac{1}{p_T} \sum_{i \in \text{Jet}} p_{Ti} \min \left\{ R_{1i}^\beta, R_{2i}^\beta, \dots, R_{Ni}^\beta \right\}$$

*K*-body phase space: *Datta, Larkoski JHEP 06 (2017) 073*

$$\left\{ \tau_1^{(0.5)}, \tau_1^{(1)}, \tau_1^{(2)}, \tau_2^{(0.5)}, \tau_2^{(1)}, \tau_2^{(2)}, \dots, \tau_{M-2}^{(0.5)}, \tau_{M-2}^{(1)}, \tau_{M-2}^{(2)}, \tau_{M-1}^{(1)}, \tau_{M-1}^{(2)} \right\}$$

DNN:  $3K - 4$  inputs, 3 layers, tensorflow/keras

Note: Only includes IRC-safe information

## **Particle Flow Network (PFN)**

*Komiske, Metodiev, Thaler JHEP 01 (2019) 121*

Deep sets *Zaheer et al. 1703.06114*  
*Wagstaff et al. 1901.09006*  
*Bloem-Reddy, Teh JMLR 21 90 (2020)*

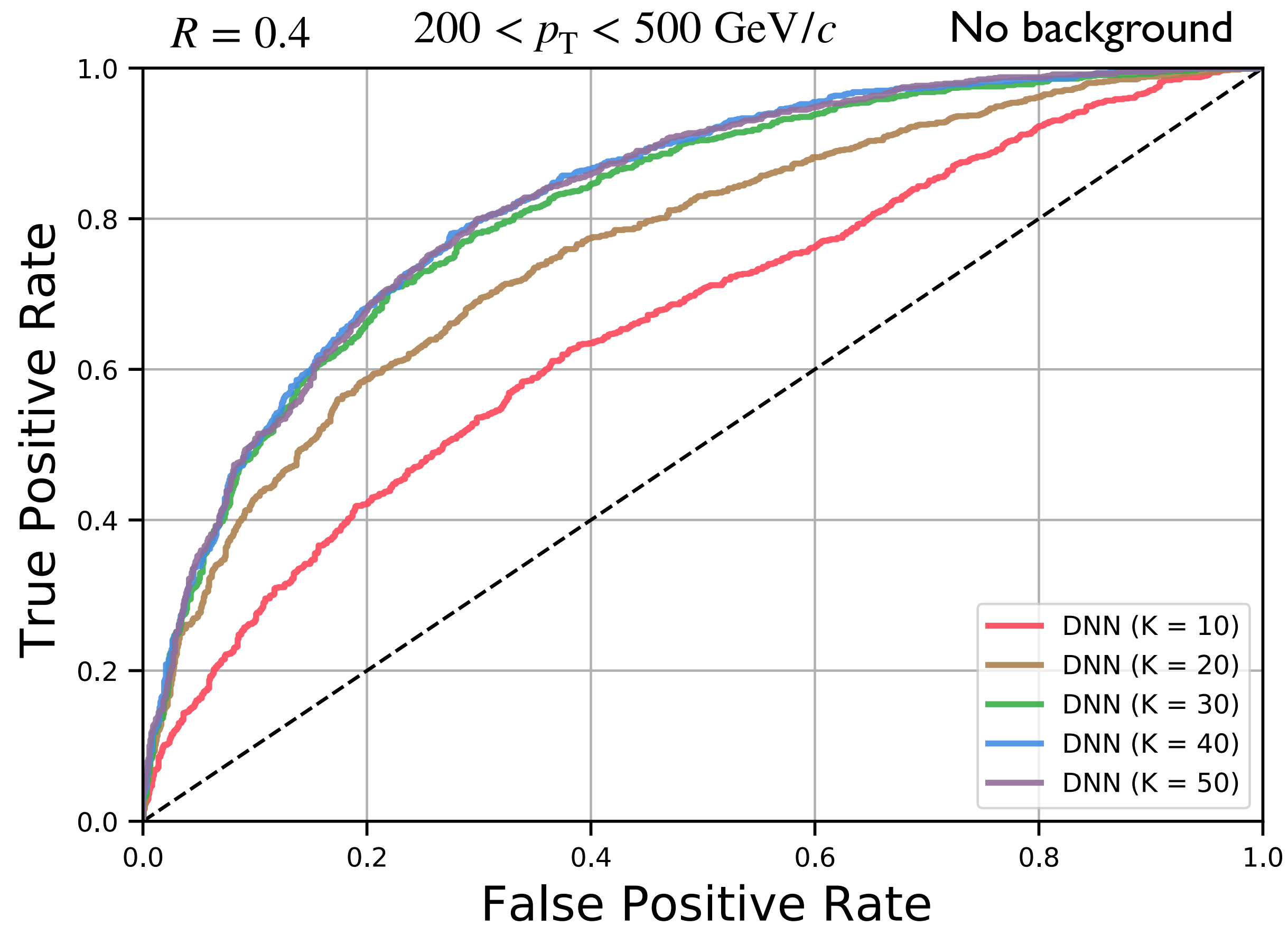
Permutation-invariant neural network

$$f(p_1, \dots, p_M) = F \left( \sum_{i=1}^M \Phi(p_i) \right)$$

Classifier DNNs latent space  $d = 256$

Note: Includes IRC-unsafe information

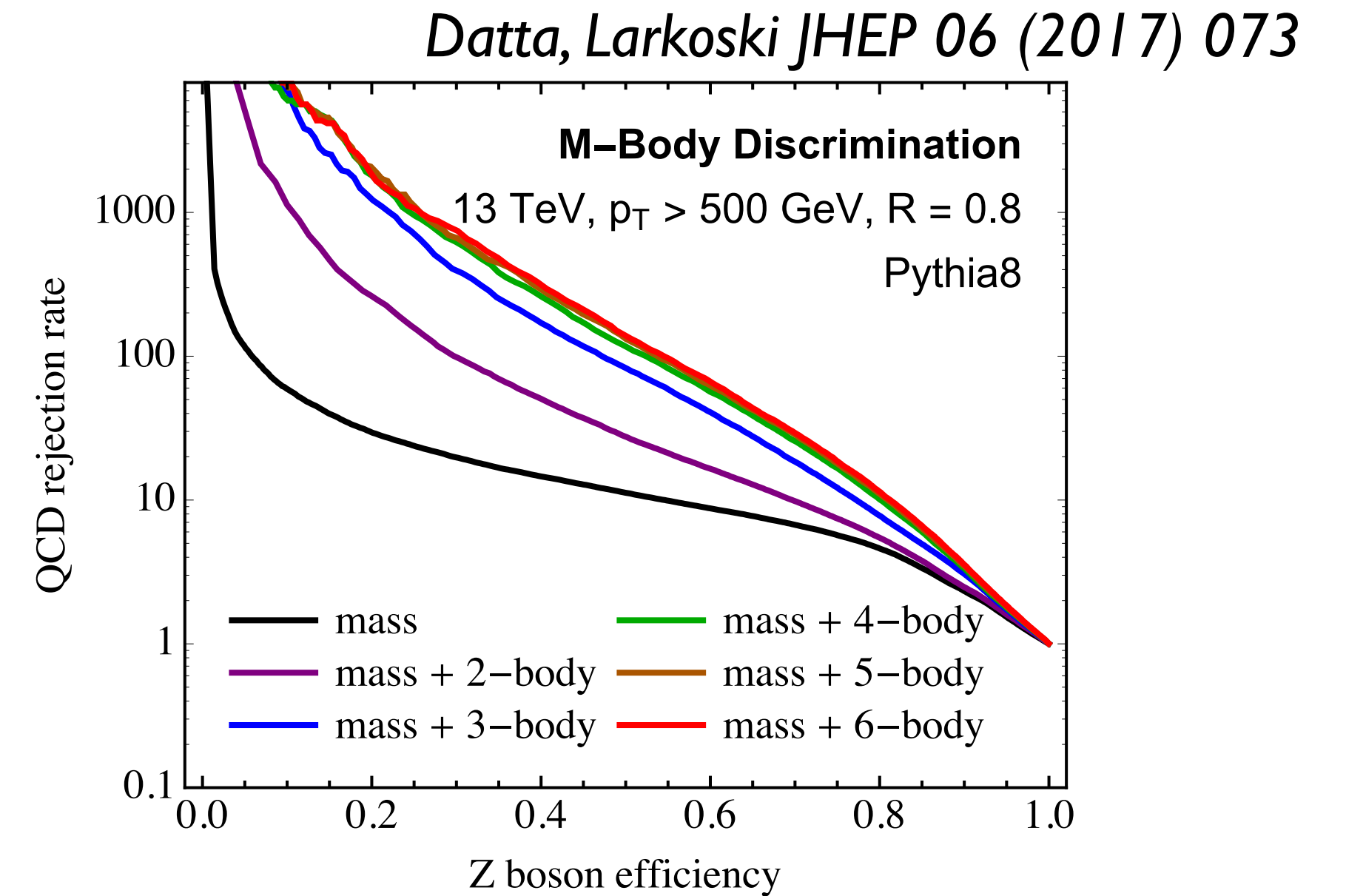
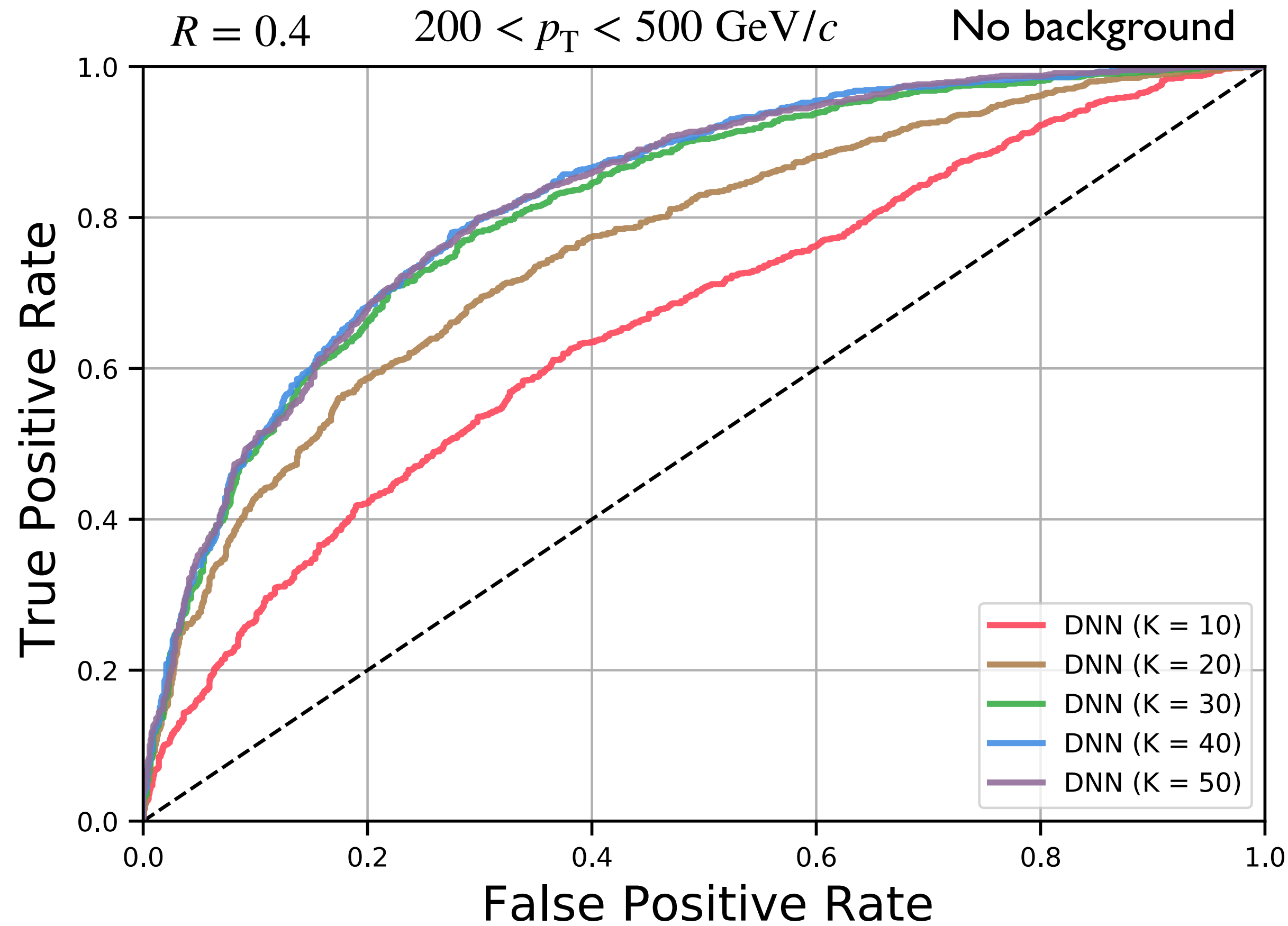
# pp vs. AA



Significant information in quenched jets up to  $K \approx 30$



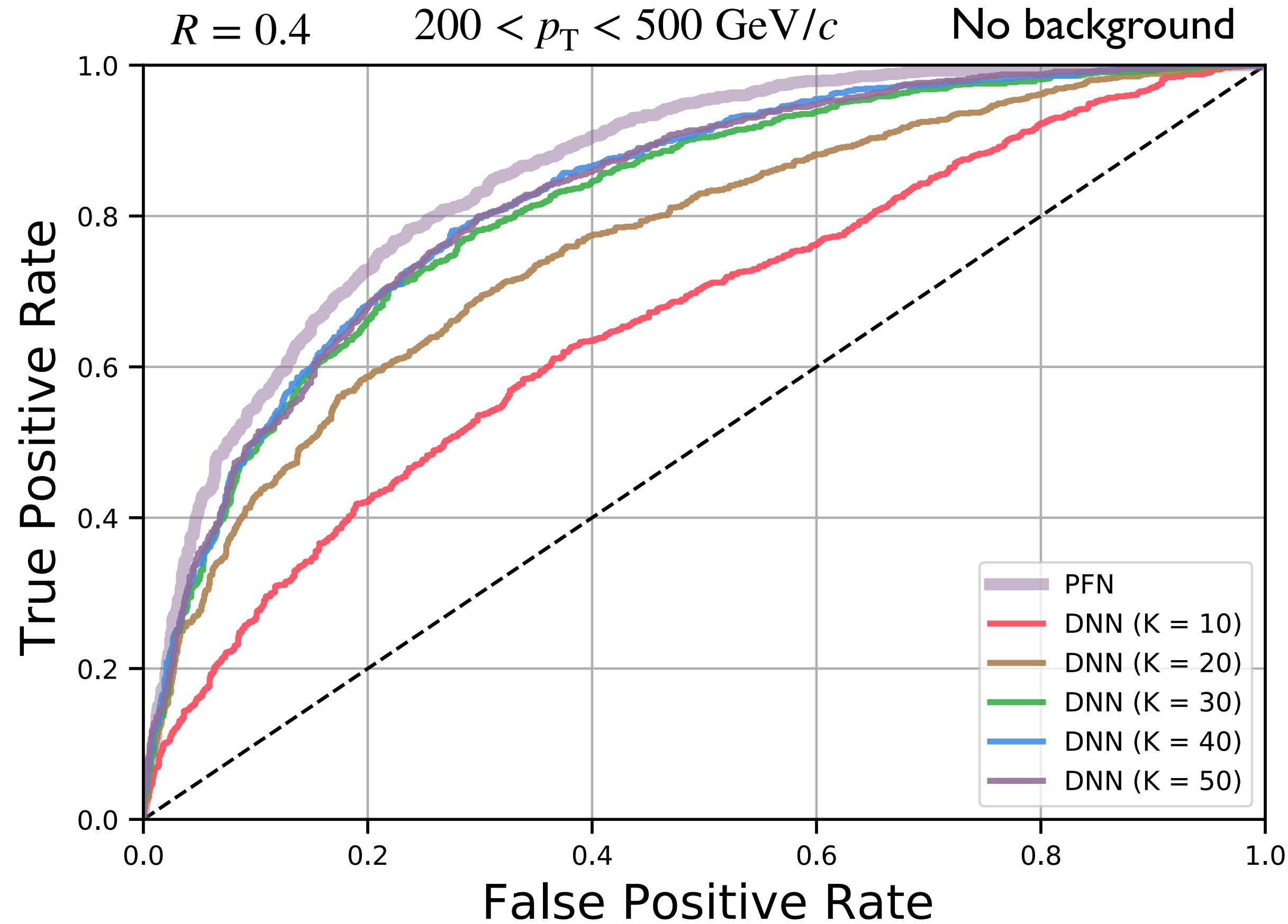
# pp vs. AA



➔ Unlike QCD vs. Z jets (which saturate at  $K = 4$ ), vacuum vs. quenched jets contain discriminating power in soft physics (high  $K$ -body phase space)

Significant information in quenched jets up to  $K \approx 30$

# pp vs. AA



Deep set data representation (PFN) performs slightly better than  $N$ -subjettiness basis (DNN)

The difference can be due to:

- IRC-unsafe information in PFN
- Different data representations / training / hyperparameter performance

Significant information in quenched jets up to  $K \approx 30$

# Automated design of observables

*Lai 1810.00835*

*Datta, Larkoski JHEP 03 (2018) 086*

*Datta, Larkoski, Nachman PRD 100, 095016 (2019)*

Now that we have demonstrated an ML classifier, we can find observable(s) that can approximate the classifier

→ Theoretical interpretability

Approximate the  $3K - 4$  N-subjettiness observables with e.g. product observables

Product observable: Sudakov safe

$$O = \prod_{N < K, \beta \in \{0.5, 1, 2\}} \left( \tau_N^\beta \right)^{c_{N\beta}}$$



# Automated design of observables

## Lasso regression

$$O = \prod_{N < K, \beta \in \{0.5, 1, 2\}} \left( \tau_N^\beta \right)^{c_{N\beta}}$$

Stronger regularization drives  $c_{N\beta}$  to zero

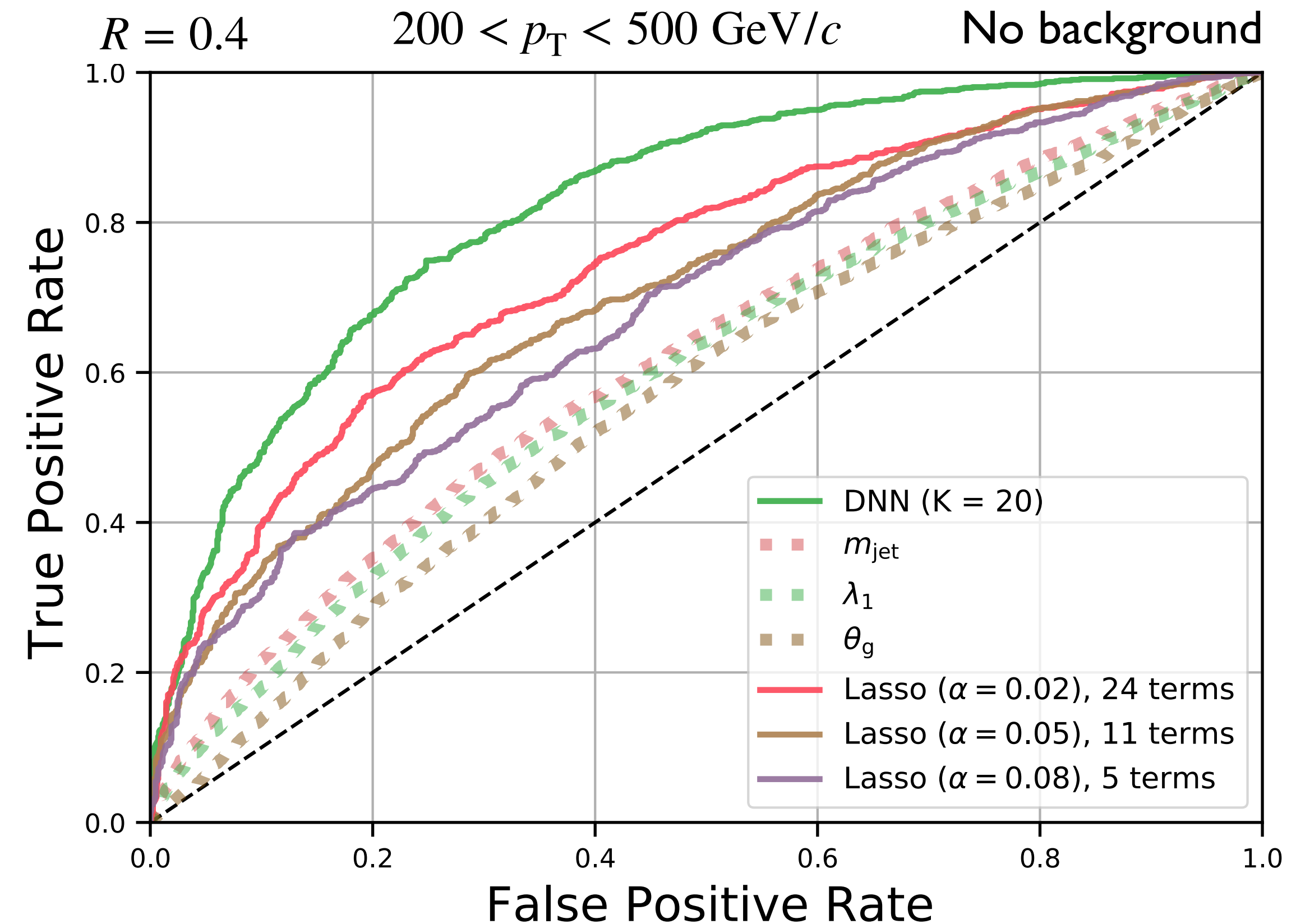
e.g. for  $K = 15$ :

$$\alpha = 0.04 \rightarrow (\tau_1^2)^{-0.57} (\tau_6^2)^{-0.77} (\tau_7^2)^{-0.68} (\tau_{14}^{0.5})^{2.7}$$

$$\alpha = 0.15 \rightarrow \tau_{14}^1$$

Suggests that large  $N$  is highly discriminating

*Lai, JM, Płoskoń, Ringer — In Preparation*

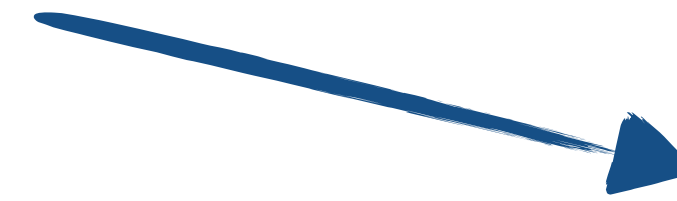


Balancing the tradeoff of discriminating power and complexity, we can design optimal observables for distinguishing pp and AA jets

# Observable design at EIC

ML classifier + symbolic regression can be used at EIC

- Jet classification
- Event classification



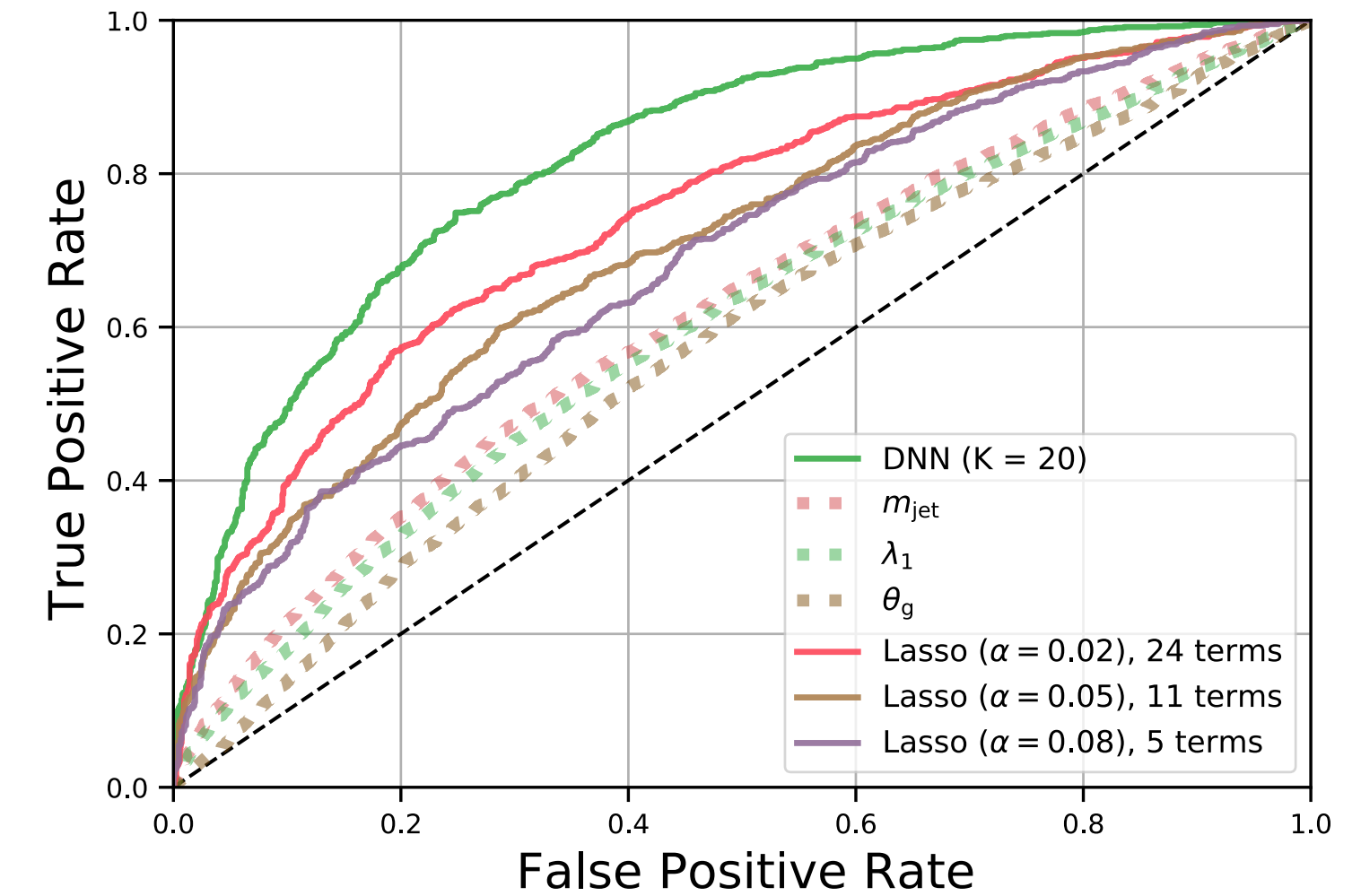
Theory+experiment guidance for medium modifications

- Cold nuclear matter effects
- Hadronization
- Explore sensitivity to gluon saturation

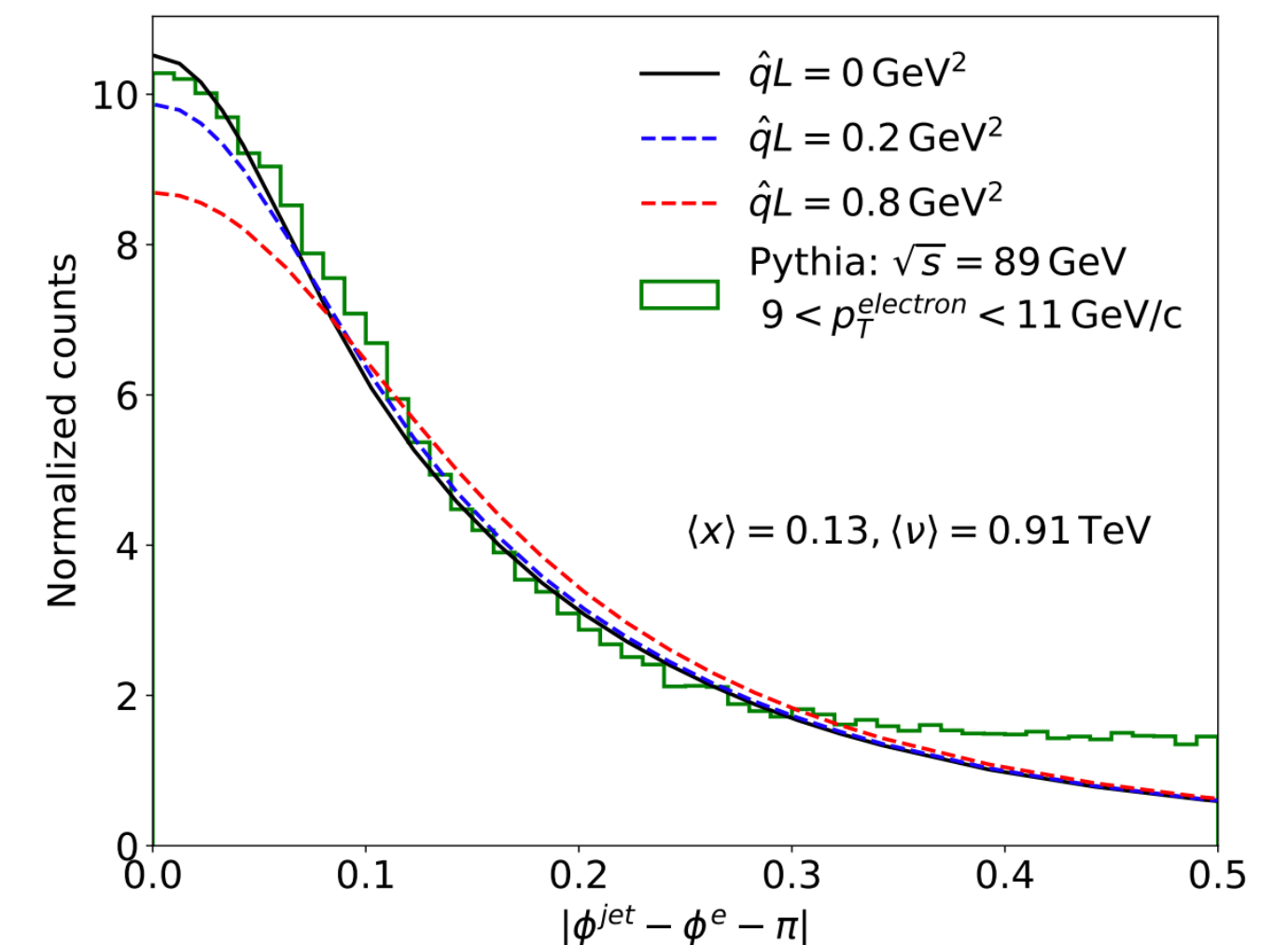
Can be applied directly on data! (labels are known)

- In the meantime: BeAGLE, eHIJING, JETSCAPE, ...

*Lai, JM, Płoskoń, Ringer — In Preparation*



*Liu, Ringer, Vogelsang, Yuan PRL 122 (2019), 192003*

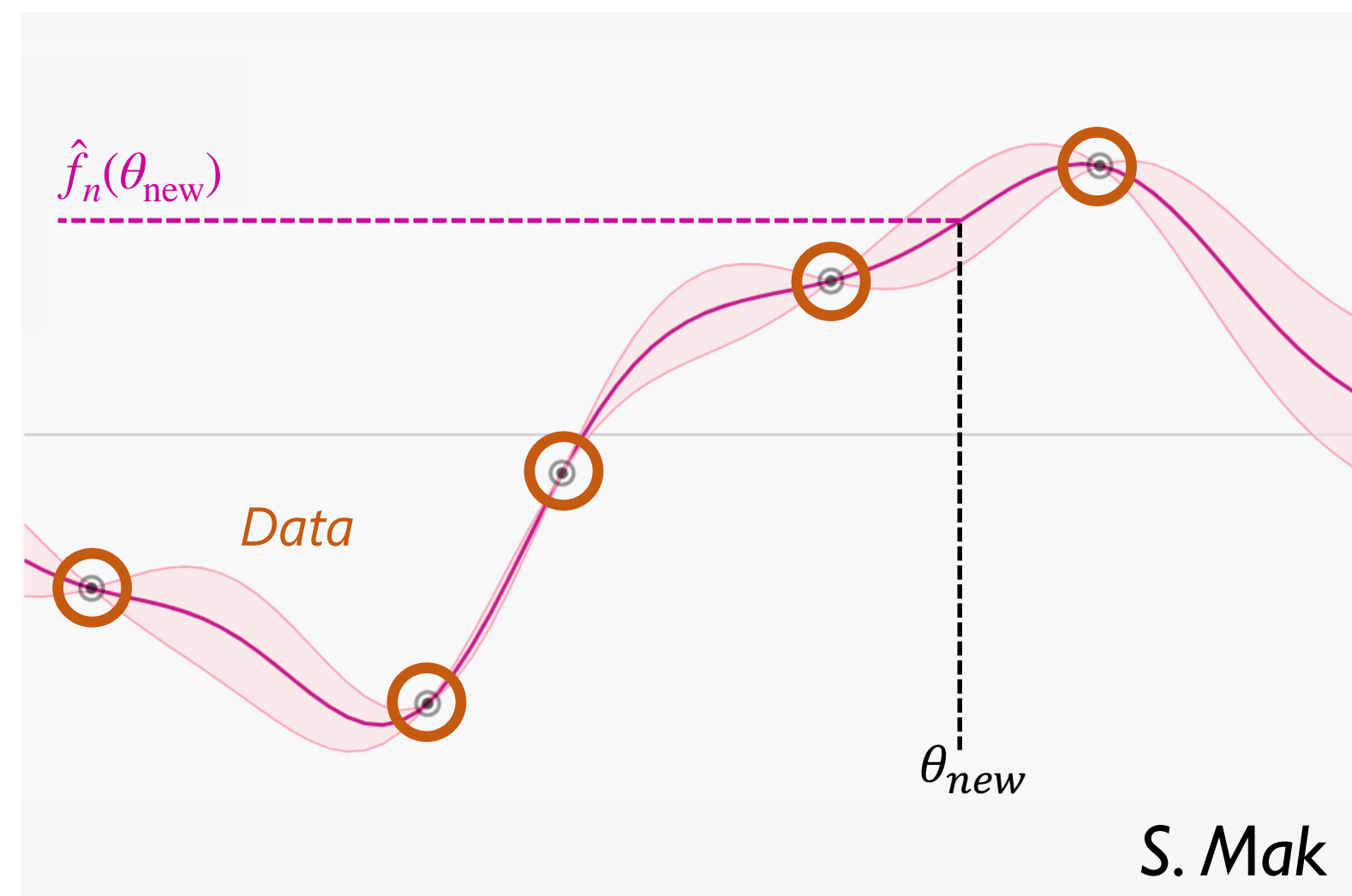


# Bayesian parameter estimation

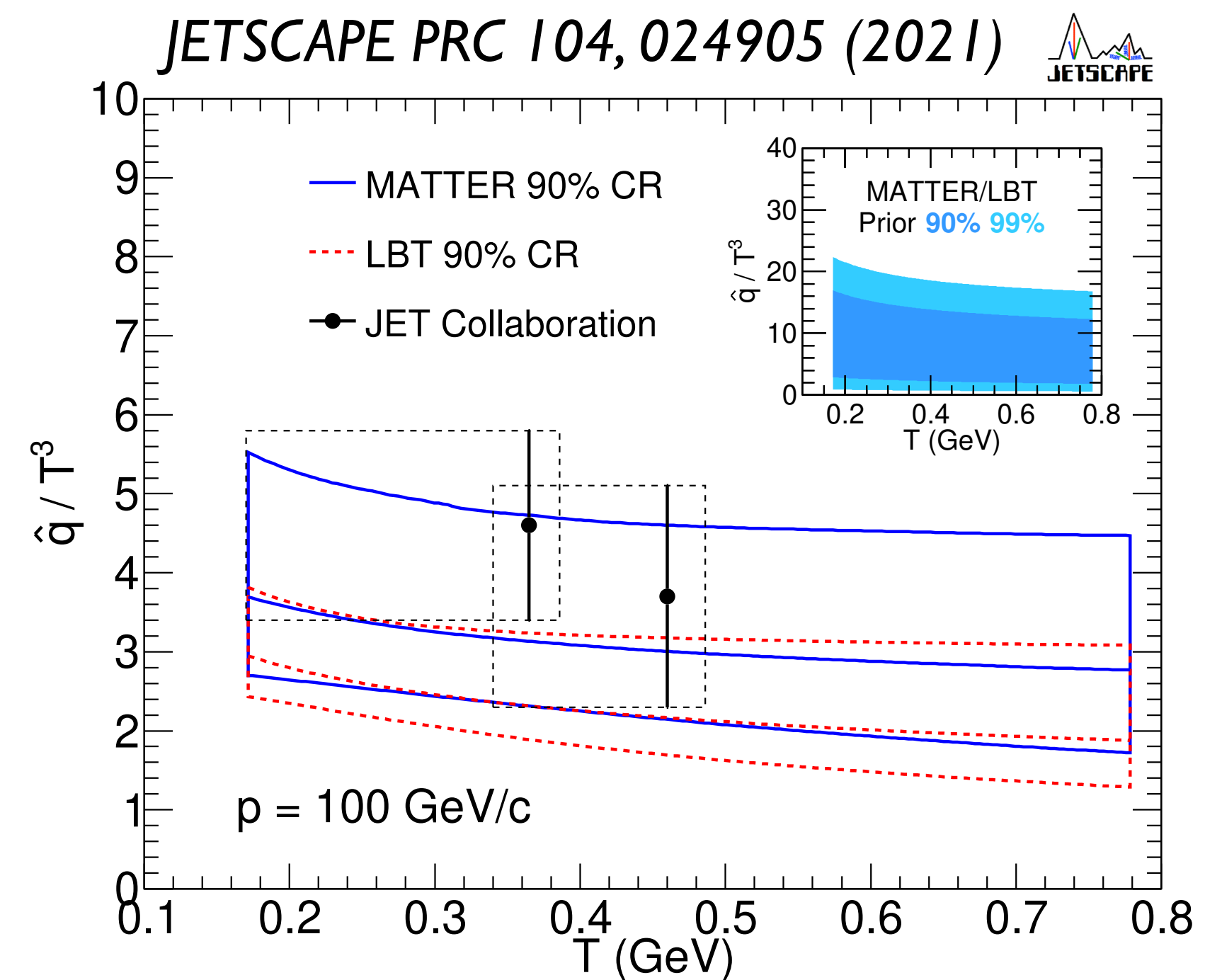
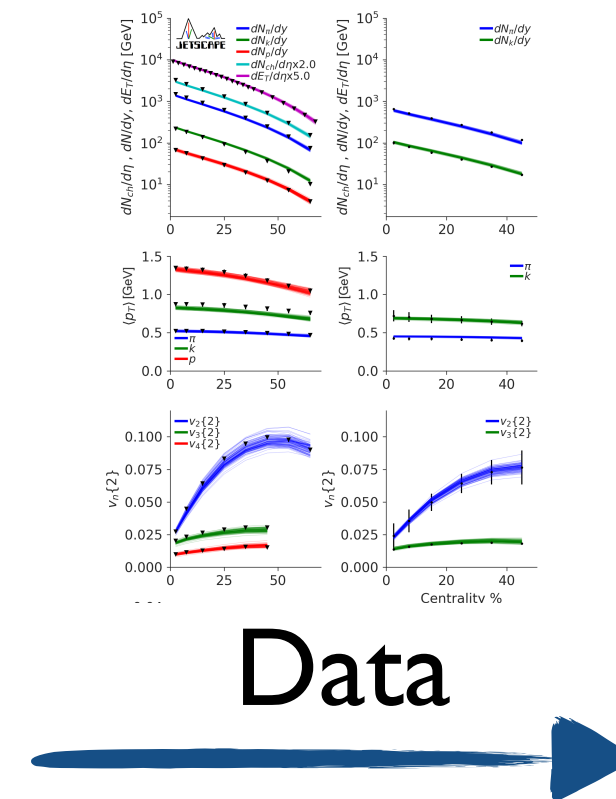
Studying cold nuclear matter effects at the EIC follows closely jet quenching in QGP

- Constraining model parameters requires collection of jet observables

**ML-assisted observable design can tell us what we should measure (and calculate) next in order to add new information to global fits**



Gaussian Process Emulators: efficiently explore multi-dimensional model parameter space





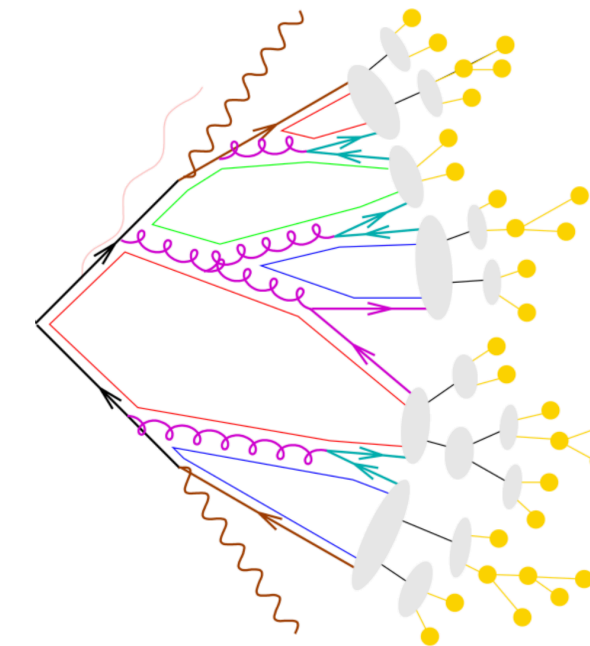
# Explainable AI

**A more ambitious goal:  
Can we use ML to guide  
our physics understanding?**

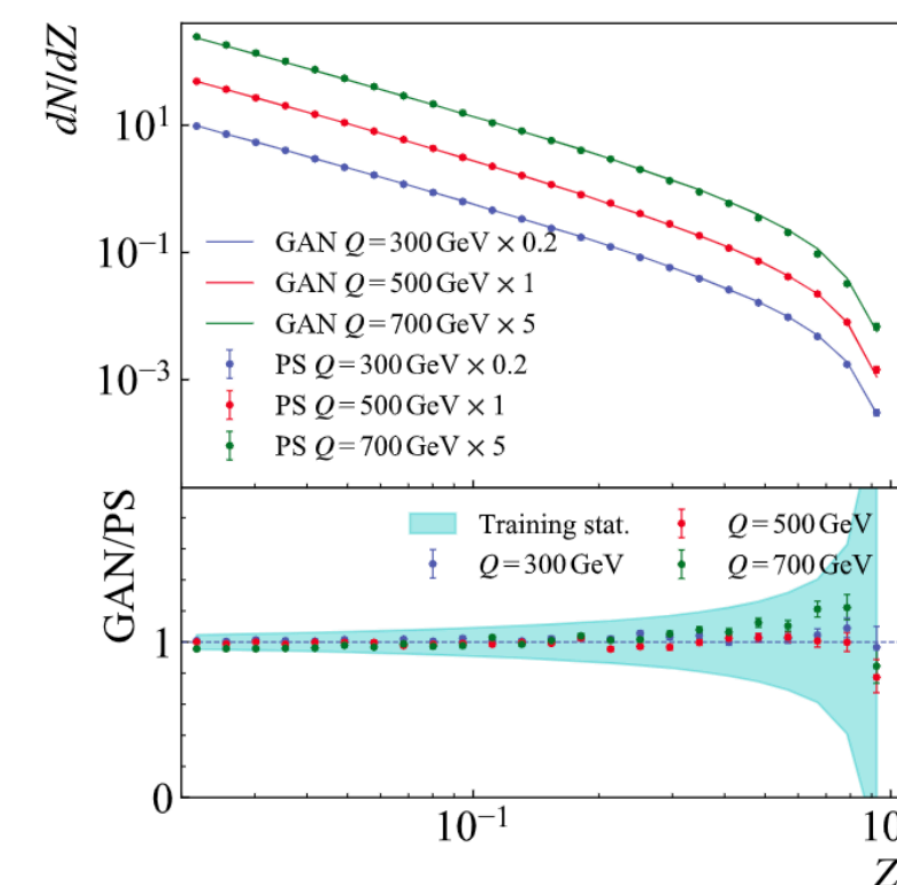
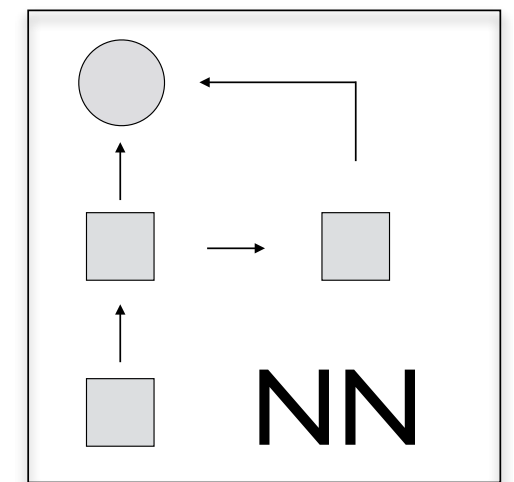
Train generative adversarial network  
(GAN) to learn physics of parton  
shower from final-state particles

Fit nonperturbative physics  
at the EIC?

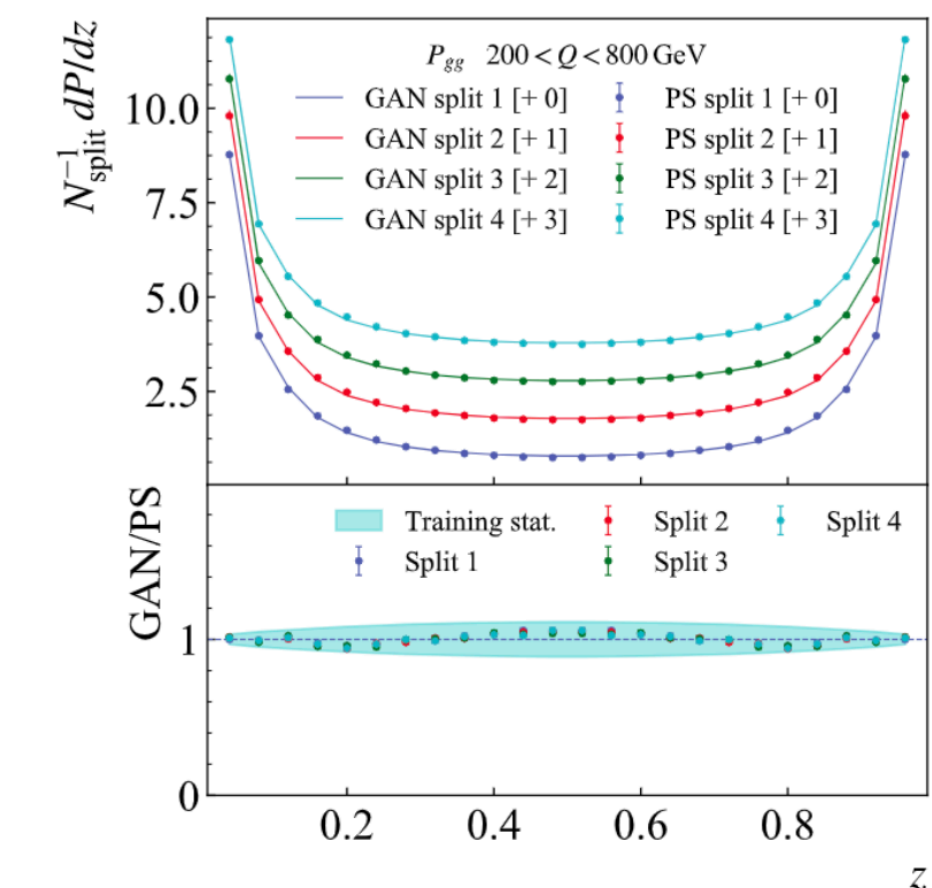
*Lai, Neill, Ploskon, Ringer 2012.06582*



Train GAN on the final  
output of the shower



Final energy distribution



Intermediate splittings

# Summary

ML is an important tool to improve precision and save computation in multiple aspects of the EIC physics program

- ❑ Detector design and jet reconstruction
- ❑ Jet tagging and classification
- ❑ ML-assisted observable design to guide global fits
- ❑ Explainable AI to guide underlying physics
- ❑ ...and more

Methods are evolving rapidly — where will ML be in 10 years?

- ❑ It will remain a *tool* for our bread-and-butter experimental and theoretical techniques — but an increasingly valuable one